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R.A.F. SWOOP ON BETHUNE

Two squadrons of Blenheim bombers escorted by a strong formation of fighters attacked the power plant at Mazin-garbe, near Bethune, yesterday afternoon.

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON THAT BOMBS WERE SEEN TO HIT THE TARGET AND FIRES WERE STARTED.

German fighters attempted to prevent the attack but failed. At least six German fighters are known to have been destroyed.

One Blenheim bomber and seven British fighters were lost but one British fighter pilot was later rescued from the sea by the R.A.F. Sea Rescue Service.

German fighters attempted to interfere with the rescue operation but were driven off by British fighter patrols, one German plane being shot down.

Observers along the English Channel state that the weather was excellent with remarkably clear visibility when the British planes raced across to the French coast.

Sky Full Of 'Planes

Another big force swept across the French coast last evening. The sky was described as being full of Spitfires and Hurricanes, some flying at a great height. Other fighters, however, were only just above sea-level. Shortly afterwards heavy explosions were heard from the French coast.—Reuter.

LAMOTTE PICQUET RUMOUR

FORMALLY DENYING REPORTS EMANATING FROM CHUNGKING, THE INDO-CHINA GOVERNMENT GENERAL YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT THE VOYAGE OF THE CRUISER LAMOTTE PICQUET TO JAPAN WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE FRANCO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

The cruiser left Saigon recently for Osaka for repairs and dry docking, as facilities are lacking in Indo-China.

The Lamotte Picquet, major French warship in the Far East, played a decisive part in the main naval engagement of the Thai-Indo-China war.—Reuter.

R.A.F. IN ACTION IN RUSSIA

The R.A.F. Wing now in Russia under the strategic command of Russian headquarters has already been in contact with the Germans, it was learned in London yesterday.

Of hundreds of British machines sent a large number have already arrived.—Reuter.

Reprisal Raids Demand

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE FIRST AXIS AIR RAID ON CAIRO, IN WHICH 39 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED, HAS RAISED THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE BRITISH REPRISALS AGAINST ROME, AS BOTH CITIES ARE REGARDED AS PRIZED RELICS OF ANTIQUITY. Britain, during the Greek war, warned of a possible reprisal against Rome if Athens were bombed.

The London newspapers yesterday demanded raids on Rome as reprisal for the attack on Cairo.—International News Service.

AMERICAN LEGION FOR ALL AID

THE AMERICAN LEGION, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF VETERANS OF THE LAST WORLD WAR AND IS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE U.S., PASSED A RESOLUTION YESTERDAY PROPOSING THE REMOVAL OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF AMERICAN TROOPS. The resolution also demanded the defeat of Hitler and all he stands for and favoured repeal of the American Neutrality Act. The resolution was greeted with shouts of approval and was carried orally.—Reuter.

AN EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING PICTURE OF THE GENERAL DEFENSIVE POSITION IN THE AREA OF WHICH SINGAPORE IS THE STRATEGIC CENTRE WAS GIVEN AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE BY SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, C-IN-C. FAR EAST, AND ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, C-IN-C. CHINA STATION, IN SINGAPORE YESTERDAY.

Sir Robert said they were not afraid of the blockade threat. They had ample reserves of food and ammunition. He did not think any blockade was tenable as long as six months but even within that time they were fully able to break it—even without the assistance of the U.S. Navy.

Questioned concerning his recent visit to the N.E.I., Sir Robert said that from what he had seen he was perfectly satisfied the N.E.I. would put up a perfectly good show if called on to do so—they were not going about treading on people's corns but if attacked the N.E.I. were fully determined to give a good account of themselves.

Asked if there had been Staff talks with the N.E.I. or any tacit arrangements, Sir Robert said he had nothing to add to what he had stated in a previous interview, namely, that in a huge arc from Burma to Australia what happened in any part of the area affected the rest of it. "YOU CAN'T SEPARATE ANY OF THESE COUNTRIES," HE DECLARED.

Assistance To N.E.I.

Asked if Malaya would immediately move to the assistance of the N.E.I. if the latter were attacked, Sir Robert said he would act on instructions from Whitehall whose decisions would be accelerated as a result of the labours of Mr. Duff-Cooper.

Questioned regarding Thailand, Sir Robert said relations with that country were better. They had come to realise, he said, that we were their friends, and they looked to us for advice, as witness their sending two officers to look at our defence plans and to see the working of our fighter squadrons. "I shouldn't have thought such a thing possible a few months ago," Sir Robert said.

Thailand's Attitude

In reply to another question Sir Robert agreed that Thailand had begun to show an independent attitude towards Japan. They were realising, he said, that they should not become too much dependent, economically and financially, upon Japan. Admiral Layton told a questioner that the radio report that a raider was at large in the Pacific and that a number of ships had fallen victim, was untrue.—Reuter.

U.S. NAVY CONVOYS REVEALED

The United States Navy is now employing convoys to ensure the safe arrival of Lease and Lend goods in Britain.

THIS WAS REVEALED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT BY COL. FRANK KNOX, SECRETARY OF NAVY.

Speaking at his press conference, Col. Knox declared: "The escort of convoys by combatant vessels is only one of many methods that can and are being used."

Emphasizing that since the last war many more methods of safeguarding shipping have been developed, he said the United States "is employing them all."

Asked whether U.S. warships were escorting vessels to Iceland and there passing them on to the British Navy's care, Col. Knox said it would be "unwise and indiscreet" to go into details.—Reuter.

the same bomber as the Duke of Kent. This is Mr. MacDonald's first visit since he took up his duties in Canada and he is expected to return shortly.—Reuter.

FLYING VISIT

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANADA, HAS ARRIVED IN LONDON FOR IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DOMINIONS OFFICE.

Mr. MacDonald made the Atlantic crossing at the week-end in



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Resolution At Liberal Nationalist Meeting Hore-Belisha And Atlantic Charter

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, WELCOMING THE ATLANTIC CHARTER, RECORDING ADMIRATION FOR THE RUSSIAN DEFENCE AND APPROVING SPEEDY AID FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE, WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LIBERAL NATIONALISTS HELD IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Two Cabinet Ministers, namely Lord Simon, Lord Chancellor, and Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, attended the conference together with two ex-Ministers, namely, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, former Minister of War, and Mr. Leslie Burgin, former Minister for Transport.

Lord Teviot, moving the resolution, said: "Uppermost in our minds now is how we can best help the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, and how we can best help those gallant men and women who have come from all parts of the Empire to tackle the frightful tragedy foisted upon the world by that super-Satan, Hitler."

The ex-War Minister, Mr. Hore-Belisha, supporting the resolution, expressed the hope that the Atlantic Charter signed by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt, would be a prelude to the adoption of common citizenships between Britain and America.

He added: "If we can replace the Declaration of Independence by a Declaration of Inter-Independence we shall have laid the firmest foundation for permanent peace in the whole world." — Reuter.

PRIVATE'S NEW BOMB "BASKET"

Private Robert R. Stubbs of Macdill Field Florida, U.S.A., has received public commendation from his commanding officer for his invention of a bomb device which Private Stubbs described as an improvement of the "Molotov Bread Basket," which scatters bombs as it falls.

Brig. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, former commander of the field, praised the invention, and Col. Harry H. Young, present commander, wrote a letter of commendation to Private Stubbs which was read before his company, the 44th Bombardment Group.

It was also announced at the field that the device has been favourably indorsed by high ranking officials of the War Department following tests at the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds.

He said he first conceived his invention about three years ago. He has assigned all his rights in the invention, he said, to the War Department.

Private Stubbs, a native of Charlotte, N.C., and a construction superintendent in civilian life, first tried his invention by dropping a harmless, miniature model of a seven-story building. It worked, and he then made a formal drawing for the War Department.

GERMAN N.C.O. DIES OF PARIS WOUNDS

A German N.C.O. who was gravely wounded by someone unknown on Tuesday night near the Paris Gare de l'Est died yesterday morning, says the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

JAPANESE ADMIT ERRING BY TRUST IN NAZI'S MIGHT

(By Joseph Newman)

JAPANESE ADMIT, although reluctantly, that they miscalculated in estimating developments in the Soviet-German war and, therefore, in underestimating the price they would have to pay for the occupation of Indo-China.

They are not, however, to be blamed entirely for the mistake, which was due to the fact that they placed so much confidence in the judgment of Adolf Hitler and the strength of the Nazi armies, and accepted without question the time schedule provided by Berlin for the defeat of the Russian Army and the downfall of the Stalin government.

Having based their policies on the assumption of a swift Nazi victory which would make possible an attempt to invade England by autumn, Japan's foreign policy since the outbreak of the Russo-German war has not been working out as expected and some changes are anticipated.

It is fair to assume that Japan preferred to await American participation in the European war before moving into Indo-China because it was pointed out that American involvement against the Nazis would ease American pressure against Japan.

Outbreak Of War

The outbreak of the Russo-German war in the opinion of Japanese served to postpone rather than accelerate American participation, thereby interfering with Japan's original plan. Lieutenant Commander Tata Ishimaru, Japanese military expert, pointed out that Germany let Japan down in attacking Russia, by making it possible for the democracies to strengthen their position to the point where it is possible for Britain to release part of her fleet in home waters for operations in the Far East.

But the Germans assured Japan that the temporary disruption of the tripartite alliance would be repaired speedily through a crushing defeat of Russia, following which Germany would be in a position to concentrate her entire strength for the destruction of England. Such developments, Tokyo was informed, would make it necessary for even greater units of the American fleet to be transferred from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Immediately after the outbreak of the war German officials let it be known that they expected to be in Moscow in about two weeks. That estimate was taken seriously here at the time, just as it was in America and England. Plans were

made accordingly. The Germans failed Japan again when they extended the time necessary for a Russian defeat to about four weeks.

Taking Advantage

In the meantime, it became clear that the democracies, taking advantage of the breathing spell afforded by the Russo-German war, were strengthening their position in the South Sea area. America continued to increase shipments of arms and planes to China and other strategic positions in the Far East, while Britain increased her forces at Singapore.

Japanese believed that if this continued they would lose control of Indo-China either through an internal change, made possible by the stronger position held by the democracies, or by repetition of developments that took place in Syria. They decided, therefore, to lose no time while their position was intact both in Indo-China and Vichy, to conclude a mutual defence pact which would protect Japan's southern line while the country awaited a German victory in the north.

The Press

The press indicated that many officials now expect a long-drawn-out war between Germany and Russia and, therefore, they must consider the possibility of a German defeat and a victory for the democracies and Russia. In view of such possibilities, it is considered unlikely that Japan can move in either direction at present. She must bear the pressure from the democracies as best she can.

Well informed observers do not believe Japan will risk a war against the democracies in an attempt to break through their blockade at a time when the latter can concentrate their forces in the Far East and possibly secure the support of Russia in the north.

Japan's policy, for the present, appears to be one which would lead to closer economic relations with Russia, especially in an attempt to secure greater supplies of oil to replace quantities shut off by the democracies and at the same time prevent organisation

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN R.A.F. RAID ON BETHUNE

VERY CONSIDERABLE damage was caused when the R.A.F., as reported earlier, carried out a raid on the power plant at Mazingarbe, near Bethune, yesterday afternoon.

The Air Ministry news service says the plant is an important one, having batteries of coke ovens and plant for the production of synthetic ammonia, synthetic petrol, alcohol, benzol, methanol and ether, together with a thermic power station.

The attack was delivered in two parts in quick succession to each other. The first wave of Blenheims had hardly delivered their bombs before the second wave was ready.

Continuous explosions appeared to come from over the entire works — one explosion every few seconds.

One large fire was seen to take hold in the centre of the works, where bombs exploded on a large container.

All In Flames

Describing this one pilot said: "I saw what appeared to be gas containers blow up. The top blew off and the sides fell away. It was all in flames."

The efforts of German fighters to pierce the screen of British fighters and stop the bombers failed and the bombers observed fires still spreading when they left. — Reuter.

LOVE OF ANNIE FOR GEORGE

ANNIE INCKS IS A WIDOW WITH FIVE CHILDREN.

She met George Jones, who is 43 and an ex-convict, as he drifted (so he says) back into a life of crime.

He now knows what "the great love of a good woman is."

He told the Judge so at Chester Assizes, when he pleaded guilty to two charges of fraud and also with causing a public mischief.

Annie Incks pleaded with the Judge to give Jones another chance.

Mr. Justice Hawkes said he would postpone sentence.

EX-A.D.C. HAD NEARLY TREBLE MEAT RATION

COL. HENRY ALBERT BARCLAY, C.V.O., M.V.O., WHO WAS A.D.C. TO KING EDWARD VII AND KING GEORGE V, WAS FINED £6 AT CROMER, NORFOLK, FOR OBTAINING NEARLY THREE TIMES HIS MEAT RATION.

In a statement to the Food Control Office, Colonel Barclay wrote, enclosing a doctor's certificate, that he should have more meat than the ration owing to ill-health.

The butcher who supplied him, Sydney Lyn, of Church-square, was fined £2.

of a joint Anglo-American-Soviet bloc in the north, directed against Japan.

TOMMIES TO SALUTE A.T.S. OFFICERS

With the granting of full military status to the A.T.S. — Volunteers are classed as Privates now — Tommies and N.C.O.s must in future salute women officers whose rank is now denoted by "pips" in place of A.T.S. "stars."

Male officers are also expected to give a courtesy salute to that from women officers.

For serious breaches of discipline the A.T.S. can now be court-martialled before a joint board composed of officers of both sexes.

On the domestic side A.T.S. rankers — nearly 100,000 new recruits are wanted by December — are being told that with their now "Private" rankings, parents and relatives must always include the girl's number with the prefix "W." for women, when writing to them, otherwise the letters may be sent to a male ranker with the same name attached to the newly-created mixed units, where men and women drill together.

The A.T.S. girls have welcomed the Northern Command important summer dress concessions whereby girls can discard their tunics both "on" and "off" duty, wearing their khaki shirt-blouses with sleeves rolled up to the elbow.

But bare legs or just ankle-socks in place of the khaki stockings are banned.

WOMEN TRAIN AS GARDENERS

Women gardeners are being trained in large private gardens, market gardens, and nurseries all over England so that food production will not suffer by the call-up of men gardeners.

The Women's Farm and Garden Association is undertaking this important work, and more than 100 girls are already helping food production in this way.

Girls who undertake this work must be over 16 years of age and willing to serve six months apprenticeship, to head gardeners on approved gardens or estates.

Soviet Smashes Attempt To Take Islands In Gulf

SEVERE GERMAN LOSSES IN VAIN

(By Reuter's Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

THE IMPORTANCE of the Soviet victory in smashing a German attempt to land forces on the Soviet-held islands of Ezel and Moon, at the entrance of Riga Bay and partly commanding the Gulf of Finland, is emphasised by the promotion yesterday of Major-General of the coastal defences Alexis Yeliseev to the rank of Lieutenant-General.

It was he who commanded various sections of the Soviet Baltic Navy concerned in beating off the Germans.

While the Soviets held Ezel and other islands in the same group stretching north and south across the entrance of Riga Bay, it not only means that a German move into the Finnish Gulf would be very difficult but also that German possession of Riga naval base is practically valueless.

A despatch describing the German attempt states that the first expedition which tried to approach the islands at dawn on Saturday was beaten off after only a four-hour battle.

The second effort, however, which began on Sunday with a much larger number of smaller vessels, lasted until Tuesday and some German forces at one time succeeded in getting a foothold before being thrown back into the sea.

Transports Sunk

Aboard each of the six transports used on Saturday, of which four were sunk, were up to 2,500 Germans.

They were protected by eight destroyers, of which one was sunk, and eleven motor torpedo-boats, of which ten were sunk.

The second effort was made from neighbouring ports on the mainland. The Germans lost one large and many small transports.

THE LAND BATTLE AFTER SOME OF THE GERMANS HAD SUCCEEDED IN LANDING WAS VERY BITTER, EVERY YARD WAS CONTESTED.

Several thousand Germans were killed in this second operation, making the total for both attempts extremely costly.—Reuter.

FIVE IN PUNT DROWNED

When a motor-driven punt capsized on the River Ouse at Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire, five members of two families were drowned.

They were Sydney Harold Waterfield (44) and his seven-year-old son Bobbie, Herbert Coles (40), his wife, and daughter Patricia, aged five, all of Finedon Road, Weltonborough.

Three other people in the punt, Mrs. Waterfield, Reginald Brown, of Higham Road, Rushden, and his seven-year-old son were rescued.

The Waterfields and the Coles went by car for an evening visit to a riverside bungalow.

Mr. Waterfield, who was not a strong swimmer, managed to push his wife to the bank and then returned for his child.

Mr. Brown saved his son and attempted further rescues. He brought Mrs. Coles to the bank, but artificial respiration was not successful.

EASTERN FRONT ANALYSIS

(By "Annalist")

The German communique yesterday made a revealing statement although it does not constitute a claim.

It said that in the east, offensive actions are developing into one operation on a very big scale.

This bears out the Russian communique, which again speaks of stubborn fighting along the whole front.

The testimony of both Russians and Germans, therefore, is in agreement, mainly that the fierce German onslaught is matched by stubborn Russian resistance.

Thus, after 80 days of fighting, both sides are still straining for victory and neither can claim any major or decisive battles.—Reuter.

Less Than Justice

But this bald analysis of the position does less than justice to the Soviet defence. In order to appreciate the measures of their success it is only necessary to quote the bulletins of the German High Command after the first fortnight and three weeks of war.

The road was stated to be open to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev while the Russian forces were described as a disorganised rabble without leadership and co-ordination.

These reports of the High Command were not propaganda fairy tales issued by Goebbels' loud-speakers. They are the most damning evidence of the unreliability of the German bulletins.

Stupendous Effort

It is clear that desperate fighting is still proceeding. The German effort undoubtedly has been stupendous but it has been matched by the Soviet resistance and losses on both sides have been astronomical.

But the Russian is fighting for his hearth and home. The German soldier, if he does think at all, must be asking himself: Why all this sacrifice?

Certainly, people in Germany are beginning to murmur and show their anxiety.

Most significant feature of yesterday's news was the claim made in unofficial Soviet quarters to have scored another big success. In the Smolensk area near Yartsevo, near Velnya, where they won a big battle last week.

From a strategical viewpoint the fighting in this central zone is by far the most important.—Reuter.

NAZI SPY TRIAL

A German-born United States Government informer, William Sebold, gave evidence yesterday before the Federal Court in New York in the trial of members of the alleged Nazi spy ring.

He said five months before the occupation of Iceland was announced a German agent told him that 30,000 American soldiers and 4,000 officers would be sent to Green-

AMERICA FINANCING SOVIET ORDERS

It was officially announced yesterday that the United States is providing \$100,000,000 for Russia to purchase war material in the United States, says Reuter.

land and Iceland.

Sebold also stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had intercepted most of the money sent to the United States for German spies. As a result spies often complained of the poor pay.—Reuter.

ADOLF PEEVED

Hitler has been trying lately to show contempt for English gentlemen but when writing "Mein Kampf" he thought them wonderful, and probably still does, says the "New Yorker."

We have an idea the aristocratic bad manners of the British were what drove him to the Russian campaign.

The Fuehrer could stand plenty but when Mr. Churchill spoke of him, publicly as a "bloody guttersnipe" he blew up, more at the noun than the adjective, and flung his armies against the Soviet trying to promote a crusade to save Christian gentility!—Reuter.

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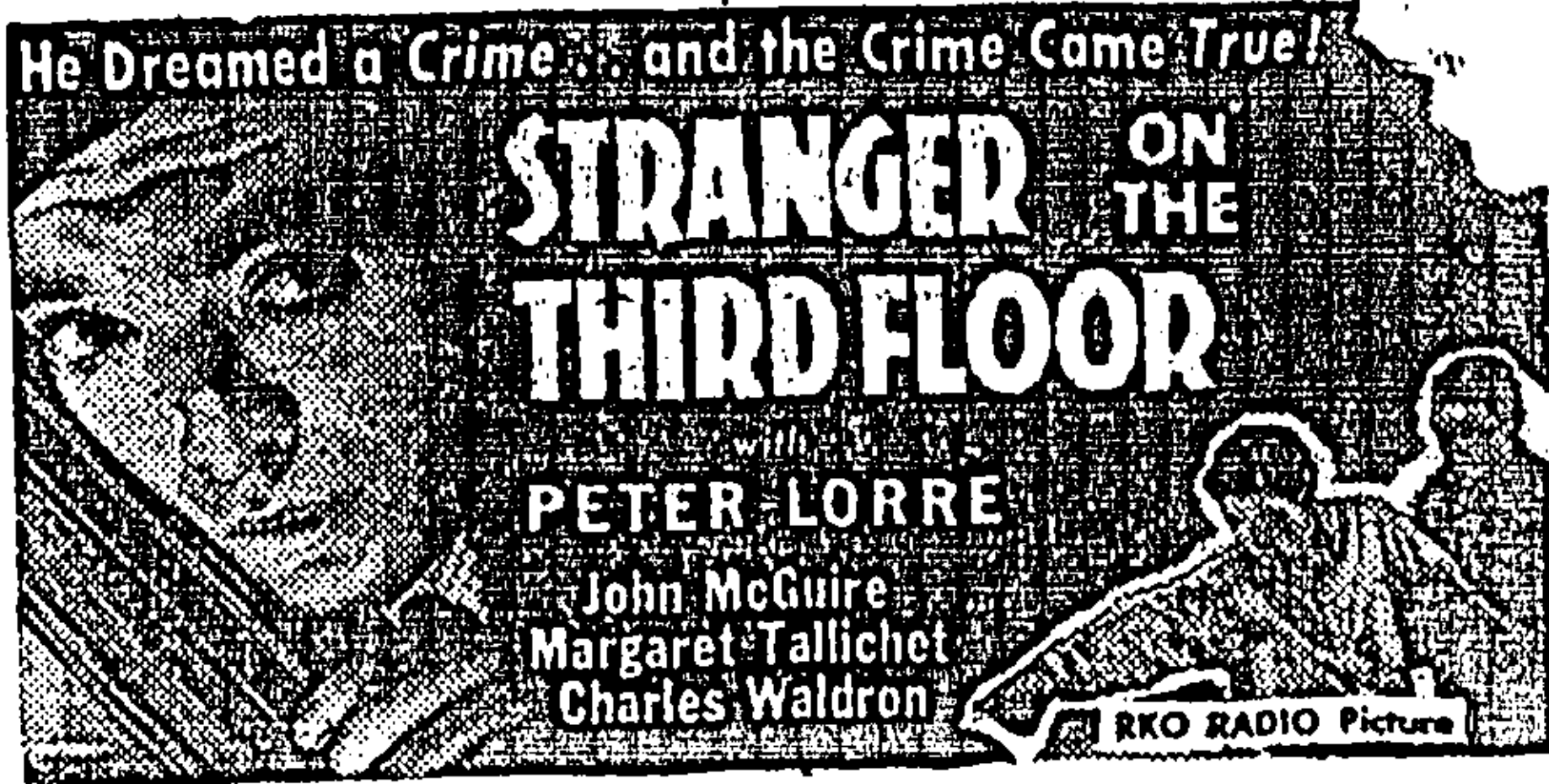
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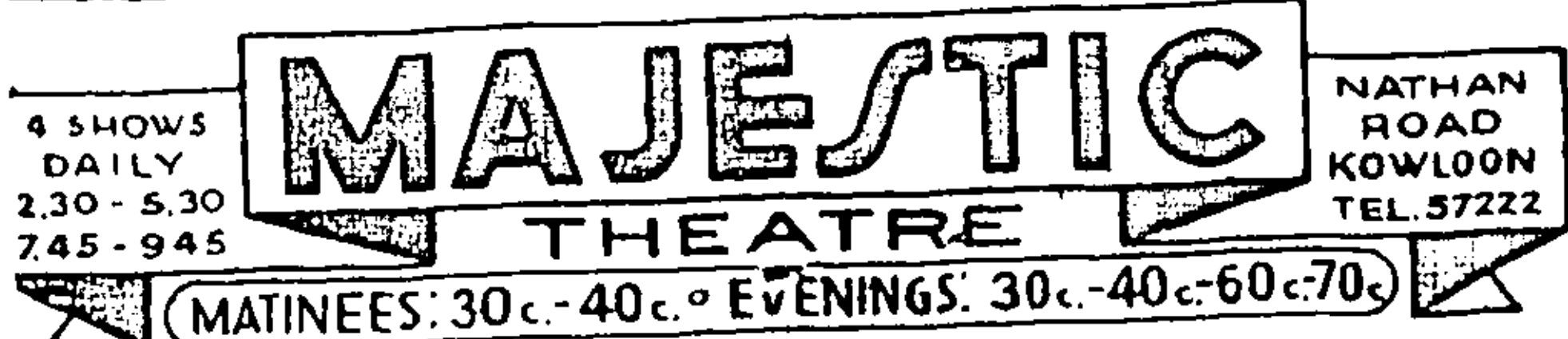
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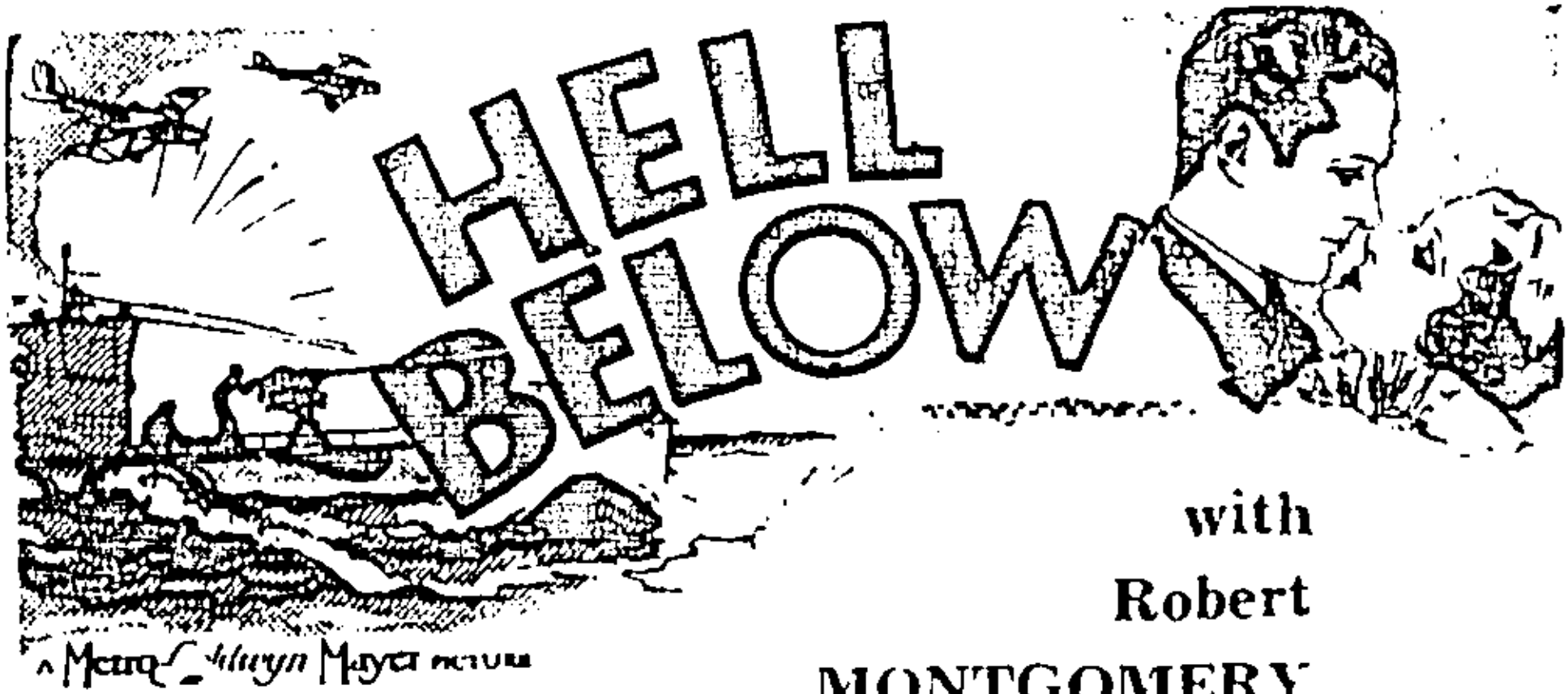
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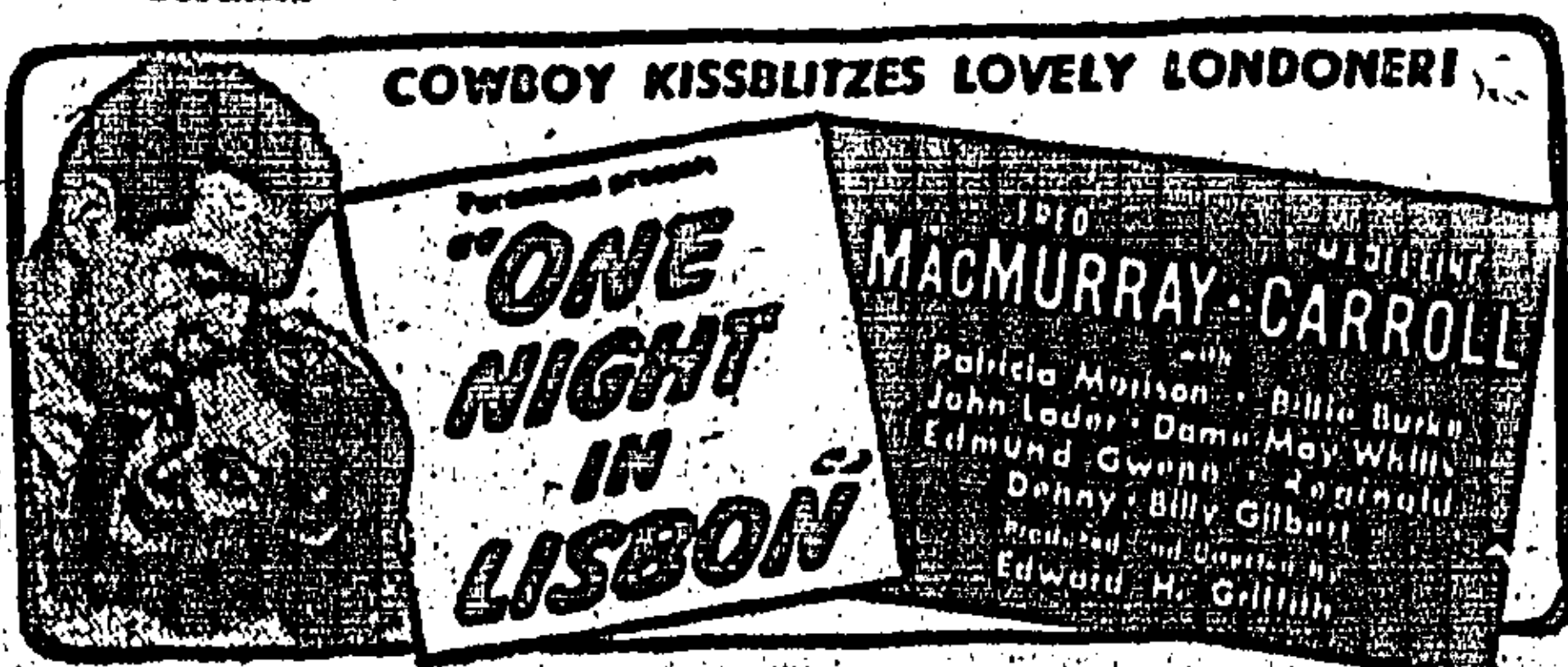
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DUKE OF KENT ON
HIS CANADIAN TOUR

THE DUKE OF KENT has returned to England from his five-weeks' tour of Canada, amazed at the growth of the Empire Air Training Plan. In the course of his visit he covered about 15,000 miles by air.

Broadcasting his impressions of the Air Training Plan last night, the Duke said: "I do not think people in this country have any idea of the magnitude of the plan nor of the very rapid expansion which has taken place."

"Two years ago it was a plan. To-day it is a vital war industry which combines the advantages of mass production with the most skillful selection and individual training."

"Training aerodromes are being built everywhere. Airmen are now passing out from the schools not in ones and twos but literally in thousands."

"They came, said the Duke, from all parts of the Empire and there was 'an encouraging and growing number of young men from the United States and from South America'."

Great Partnership

"This is a great partnership," he continued. "We are all contributing to it in our own ways but it is Canada who is responsible for the administration of the plan and Canada can therefore take special pride in its outstanding success."

The Duke said he had seen Canada's busy factories and shipyards, her naval establishments on both the Pacific and Atlantic and her great military camps.

"The magnificent spirit and resolution of the whole Canadian peoples has impressed me deeply," he declared.

Freedom's Sake

"It may be because I have been in the New World for the past few weeks that I am able to separate my thoughts temporarily at least from the tragic events of the present and to look forward to the day when the whole world will once more be pursuing the paths of peace."

"I believe that out of this conflict there is surely being born a friendship and union of those people who cherish freedom for freedom's sake."

"We have the duty not only of preserving the hard-won privileges of liberty but of re-dedicating those simple fundamentals of life, honesty and fair dealing between men and nations, upon which any new and better order must be founded."—Reuter.

LITTLE,
BUT HE'S
TOUGH

Tom Flood, a Liverpool-master window cleaner, is only five foot three inches, but he's tough.

He will soon be wearing the ribbon of the George Medal, alongside one he gained in the last war, in which he was wounded seven times.

He won his latest decoration on a Merseyside blitz night.

He was not on duty, but he led men whom he had helped to organise.

They tackled 19 incendiaries, and hearing two "neavies" had hit nearby property turned themselves into a rescue party.

They heard a baby's cry. Dead silence. They heard it again. Five and a half hours later they rescued a 14-month-old child.

Another baby's cry was heard. Work went on. The child was recovered after four hours. Then Tom went to hospital with torn hands.

George Samuel Sewell, of Hull, is the first man to win a bar to his G.M.

Though bombs were falling he climbed to the top of a spirit tank at a Shellmex establishment. Fierce flames were spouting, but he extinguished them with sand and then kicked a burning bomb from the top of another tank.

BORDER
PROBLEM
SOLVED

A border complication involving a Canadian ban on a United States dance orchestra was written off as closed as a result of Yankee ingenuity and a musical "pipeline."

Scene of the difficulty was the Aroostook Valley Country Club. Its club-house is on the Canadian side of the line, in New Brunswick, and its automobile parking space on Uncle Sam's side.

The occasion was the annual ladies' night of the Fort Fairfield Rotary and Lions Clubs. The clubs wanted to take their orchestra into the club-house, but Canadian immigration authorities ruled that the musicians could not play in Canada for dancing.

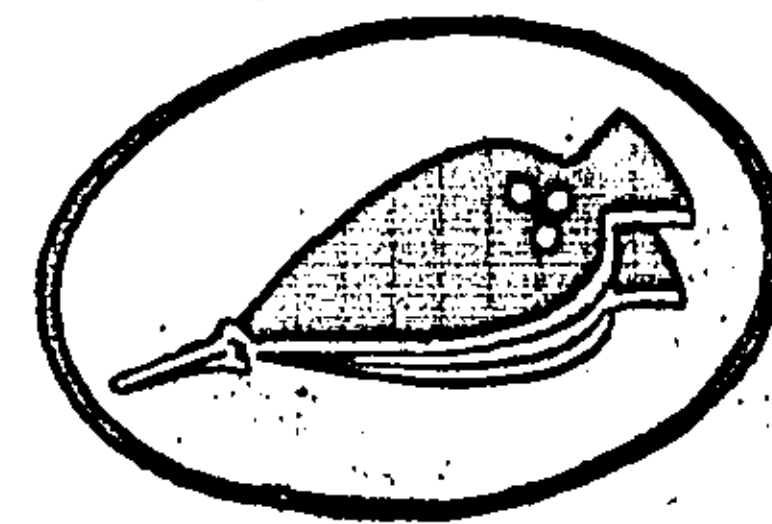
For a time, the question of how to go on with the dancing part of the programme and yet comply with the ruling perplexed the Fort Fairfielders, who make a fetish of international friendship. (Last May they sponsored a goodwill meeting attended by Maine's Gov. Sumner Sewall and New Brunswick Premier John B. McNair.)

First they hit on the idea of engaging a Canadian orchestra in place of their own, and the committee in charge scurried around, but time was short and none could be found to meet the need.

That didn't stop the committee. It assembled the Yankee musicians on the parking lot and rigged up a public address system through which all the tootling, thumping and sawing was piped about 50 yards into the club-house.

Then the clubmen and their ladies dined, danced, and made merry.

Canadian labour laws prohibited the employment of American musicians, immigration officials said, although there have been exceptions when permission has been obtained from Ottawa.



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FARMER
STAYING
PUT

Sixty-two-year-old Farmer Wood, of Oak Tree Farm, Ollerton, Knutsford, and his wife have lived for the past 24 years in their 400-year-old thatched farmhouse.

Saying Farmer Wood is not using efficiently his 34 acres of land, the Cheshire War Agricultural Committee have taken possession. They have even put their own men in to work it.

But Farmer Wood steadfastly refuses to leave, and farmers in the Knutsford district are highly indignant of the Committee's action.

"According to the Committee I have no right to be here," Mr. Wood told the "Daily Sketch". "My wife and I must get out and live as best we can."

"All our personal property, and furniture were taken out of the house and put in a barn, we refused to leave, and gradually moved the furniture back into the house, and here we have remained." A fortnight ago, an official called and told me that if we did not go we would be put out."

Mr. Wood, who bought the farm outright in 1917, said he had received no compensation, and the police drove away his five head of cattle worth £120 "without even giving a receipt for them."

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



S'PORE CHINESE AID-TO-BRITAIN CAMPAIGN

ONE THOUSAND SINGAPORE CHINESE, REPRESENTING NUMEROUS LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS AND GUILDS, PROVIDED AN ENTHUSIASTIC OPENING RECENTLY TO THE AID-TO-BRITAIN CAMPAIGN, ORGANISED BY THE FEDERATION OF CHINA RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE TO HELP THE LORD MAYOR'S AIR RAID DISTRESS FUND.

Gathered at a mass meeting in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce recently, they reaffirmed their faith in the ultimate victory of the Democracies, and voted the dispatch of telegrams to Mr. Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, and to the Lord Mayor of London.

A draft of the telegrams is being prepared. Presided over by Mr. Tan Kah Kee, the meeting lasted more than one hour, and there were 16 other speakers besides Mr. Tan Kah Kee.

"Malaya is our second home," he said. "It is our bounden duty to assist in the fight against aggression, for by helping Britain win the war, we are making our homes safer."

Burma Road Lifeline

"As citizens of the British Empire in a British Crown Colony the occasion merits all our efforts to render whatever aid we are capable of."

The second anniversary of the battle of Britain, Mr. Tan Kah Kee said, should strengthen our resolve to contribute in every way towards the war effort.

Stressing that Malaya was the key point in any major conflict in the Far East, Mr. Tan Kah Kee said that a threat to Malaya also constituted a threat to the Burma road, the lifeline on which China depended so much for her war supplies from the Democracies.

TIN HAT BALL

The Services of two of the finest dance bands in the Far East have been secured for the Tin Hat Ball.

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PLOT BY DOCK MEN ALLEGED

Wages frauds by workers along the whole eight miles line of Merseyside docks were alleged at Liverpool police court when it was stated that a number of further arrests were contemplated.

Harry Roberts (41), labourer, of Fernhill Road, Bootle, was accused of forging a document purporting to be a recording of attendance for employment at a control centre at Liverpool docks.

He was remanded and was allowed bail in £10.

Mr. E. R. Balmer, prosecuting, said two other dock labourers had already been arrested.

Inquiries disclosed that this class of fraud, which enabled dockers to qualify for their wages without even going to the docks, was being carried on along the whole line of docks from North to South on a far more extensive scale than was originally believed.

A number of official stamps had been stolen, and from these other stamps had been made which had been distributed to men and were being extensively used to carry out these frauds. Mr. Balmer added: "Many more men will be arrested in the next few days, it is expected, in connection with this type of offence."

HOARDED A TON OF FOOD

A man who hoarded a ton of foodstuffs, including tea, sugar, cocoa, coffee, tinned meat, jam, cereals, and chocolate, was fined £50 at Glasgow.

He was James Garrett, of the Granary, Weybridge, Surrey, and of Mirriless-drive, Kelvinside, Glasgow. It was the first case of its kind in Scotland.

Garrett admitted contravening the Acquisition of Food (Excessive Quantities) Order, by having more supplies than he required.

Mr. J. Adair, prosecuting, said there was a duty on all those who could to acquire and retain quantities of foodstuffs. Garrett had considerably more than was required for a household of three.

Garrett pleaded ignorance of the Order. The food, his solicitor said, had been purchased at different times in small quantities. Much of it had been acquired before the war.

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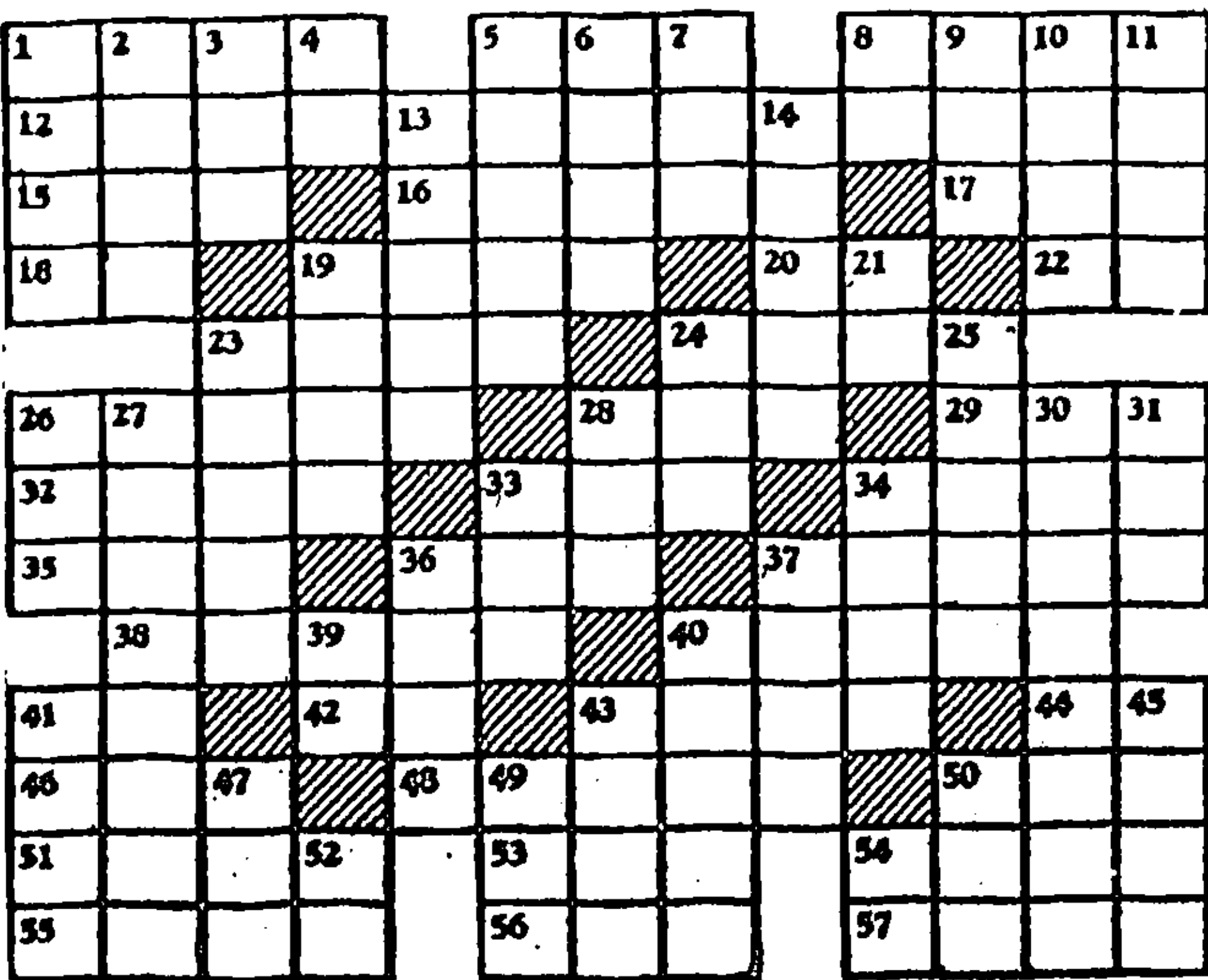
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- 15 To mature
- 16 Unusual
- 17 Buddhist pillar
- 18 Negative
- 19 To deceive
- 20 To act
- 22 Artificial language
- 23 Short
- 24 Slang: burglar
- 26 Swiftly
- 28 Hind weight
- 29 Exist
- 32 Sagged
- 33 To peruse
- 34 Aluminium sulphate
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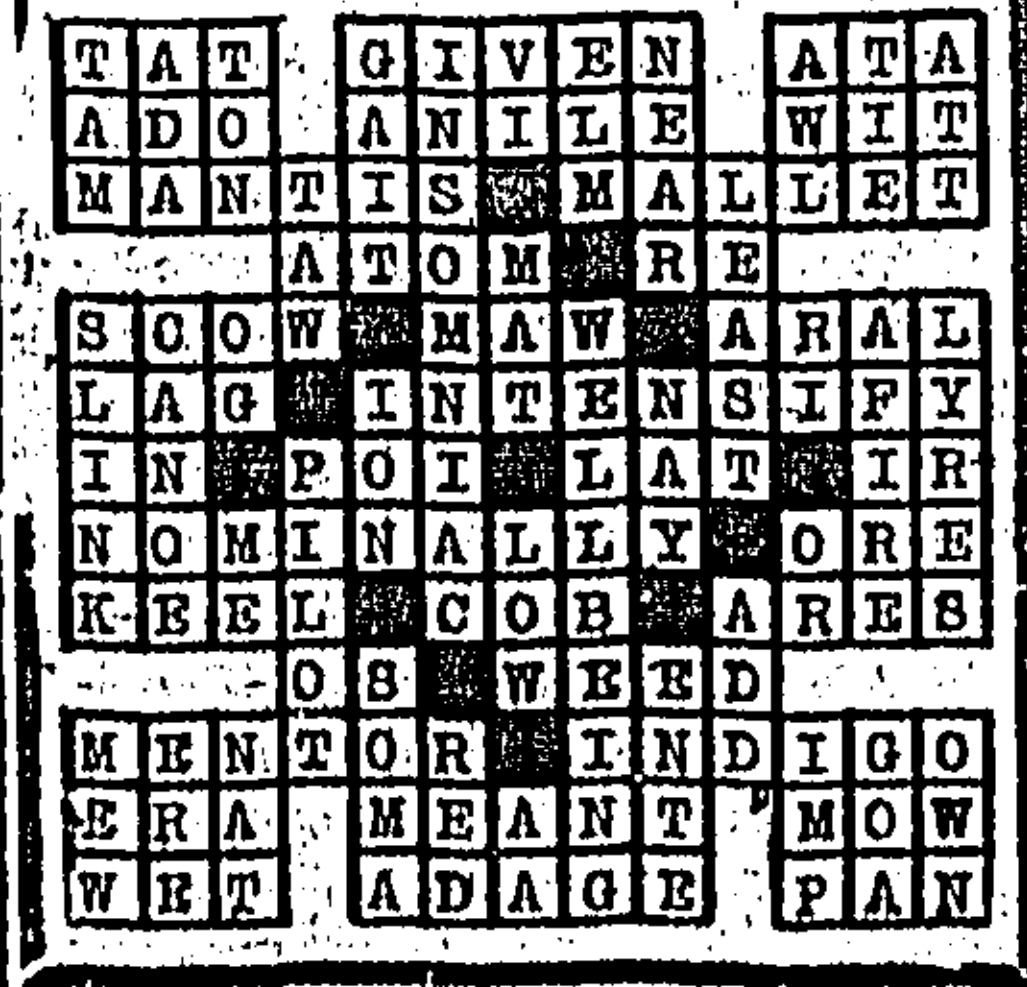
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- 2 Therefore
- 3 Mound
- 4 Part of "to be"
- 5 To take as one's own
- 6 To plunge
- 7 Devoured
- 8 Preposition
- 9 Wire measure

10 Male swine

- 11 Preposition
- 13 To come into operation
- 14 Tree of birch family
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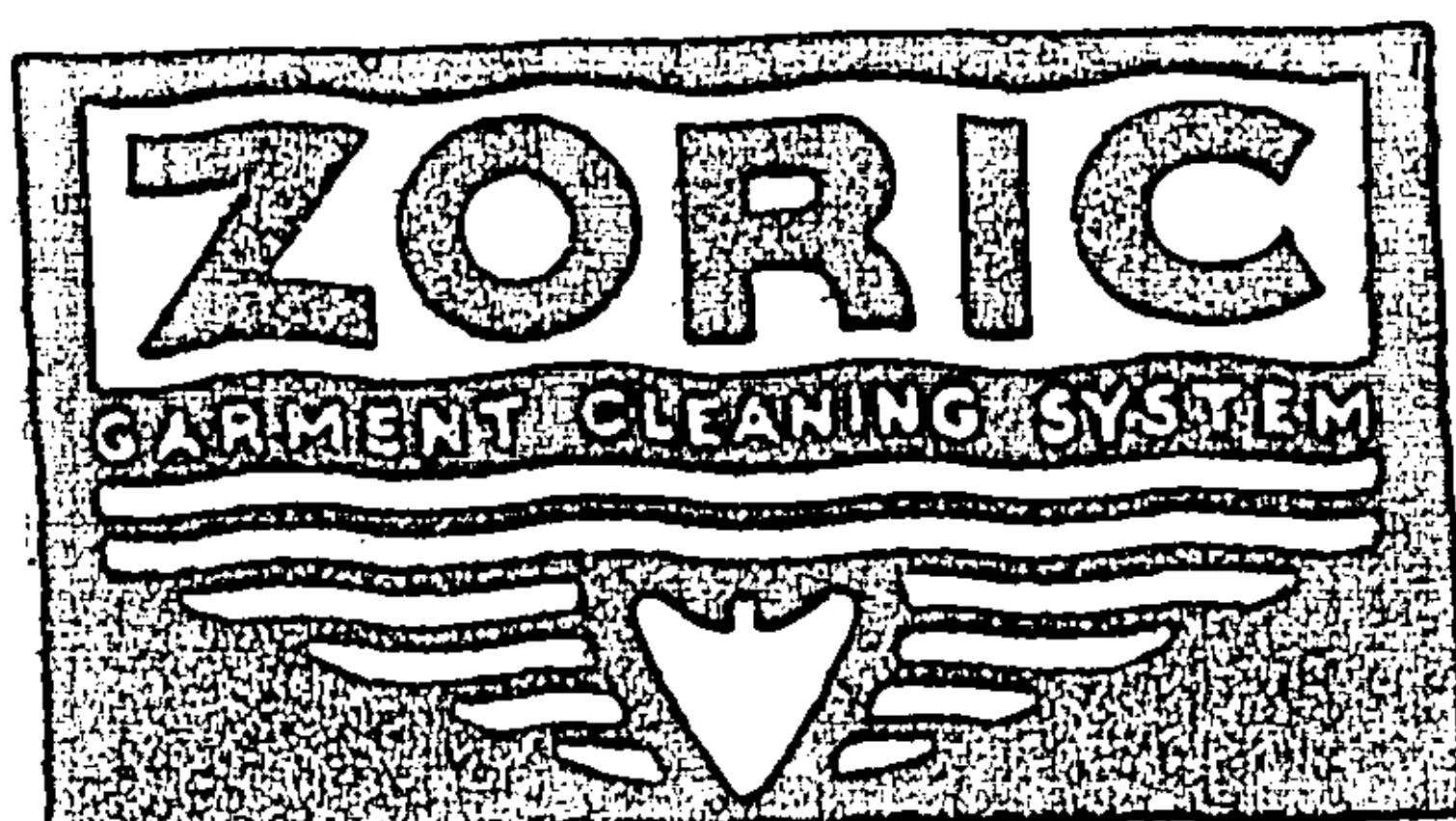


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AMERICAN VIEW OF HONG KONG'S POSITION

WITH JAPANESE warcraft and troops based at Camranh Bay, Indo-China, 600 miles away, the preparations for the defence of strategic Hong Kong became a matter of major import to the British Empire's position in the Far East.

Hong Kong, the "Island of Fragrant Streams," is one of the most heavily populated centres in the world.

Roads snaking through the hills are being improved to enable the swift movement of troops and materials. Defence works are being strengthened, greater supplies of food conserved, air raid tunnels burrowed deeper into the hills, and numerous other emergency measures taken.

3,000 Fire-Watchers

A new Air Raid Precaution section consisting of 3,000 fire-watchers is being formed, while special street guards are being enrolled to check sabotage and other "fifth column" activity in the event of war.

Colony residents foresee appalling devastation if bombs should fall in the densely populated tenement sections of Hong Kong. Some of these areas contain more inhabitants to the square mile than any other part of the world. In many cases, whole families share a single room, and many thousands of people sleep in the streets.

Whole blocks of buildings are highly inflammable, and authorities foresee a serious problem of internal security if more homeless thousands should be left wandering about the streets.

Although building of air raid tunnels and other shelters is proceeding apace, only a fraction of the colony's population—at most 100,000 out of an estimated 1,600,000 inhabitants—could be accommodated just now.

To test the ventilation system in a newly completed air raid tunnel, A.R.P. authorities devised a practical method by hiring 3,000 coolies to spend three hours inside. They were paid a little less than four cents a man.

One unexpected effect of the tunneling near Government House—Hong Kong's "White House"—has been the damage to the building. Cracks have appeared in the walls and beams have been installed to prop up the 80-year-old structure.

Strict Immigration Rule

Strict immigration rules are being enforced and news which might be of value to an enemy is censored. Not a single Englishwoman may enter the colony without official approval, and evasions of the ban against the return of women removed last year to Australia have been made well nigh impossible.

But most Britons in the colony, realising what their mother country is going through, consider themselves lucky—at least for the present.

Almost the most serious inconveniences are special but very moderate wartime taxation; rising prices which are beginning to reach an ever-widening section of the public, and shortages in certain classes of luxury goods.

Most observers agree that Britain has two alternatives. If Hong Kong should be threatened, one would be to surrender the colony without a fight but with a blow to British prestige; the other would be to fight against heavy odds, trying to keep sea communications with Singapore open—across the waters threatened by Japan from the Indo-China coast.

Hong Kong's avowed policy, as emphasised by Britain's Far Eastern defence chief, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, is to make every man and woman play a part in safeguarding the colony.

Food Major Problem

In some ways, the position of Hong Kong Island—as related to the other islands and the mainland territory comprising the colony—would resemble that of England in relation to the European Continent.

The island giving the colony its name, Hong Kong, is 32 square

miles in area. It is the second largest in the archipelago which, together with the mainland territory, gives the colony a total area of 391 square miles.

A land attack on Hong Kong would have to come from the Japanese-occupied area beyond the new territories into which the Japanese would be able to mass all the troops they might consider necessary. Well-sown mine fields and big fortress guns are expected to keep any enemy warships at a respectable distance.

Among the main problems in the defence of Hong Kong would be feeding the huge population, vulnerability to air attacks, and the possibility of "fifth column" activity.

The colony's garrison is composed principally of British regulars and Indian native troops, supplemented by a sizable body of volunteers, mostly British with a good sprinkling of Portuguese and Chinese.—Associated Press.

MUKDEN ANNIVERSARY MANIFESTO

A stirring manifesto on the tenth anniversary of the "Mukden incident" to-day was issued by over 340 refugees here from Manchuria urging the Chinese people with the help of the democracies to strive for the recovery of Manchuria.

Calling for a world united front against Fascist aggression, the manifesto pointed out that had responsible leaders in the League of Nations wisely responded to China's appeal to check Japan in 1931-1933, "the League would not have been so treacherously wrecked and Mussolini and Hitler would not have been given the opportunity to embark on their devilish work of death."

While strong support is given to the ABC bloc, the message calls for serious guarantees such as those given to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Greece and other powers. As long as no serious undertaking is concluded between China, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States and as long as the war in Europe and the war in Asia are not merged, the ABC bloc or any true international front against Fascism would remain "a mere rhetorical and futile gesture."

Fears are expressed in the manifesto that "an influential school of thought" abroad harbours the view that Manchuria might be sacrificed in order to appease Japan and that in the hours of distress and illusion which may come in the course of war this school of thought may influence the decisions of statesmen of to-day as the school of appeasement influenced the rulers of Munich days.

"Manchuria is an integral part of China," says the manifesto. "The blood, sweat and tears of more than thirty million Chinese have moulded from a wilderness of the north an economically developed region. In the whole of China it is the richest in resources and soil."

"If Manchuria is not restored to China, the death of millions of Chinese soldiers and the sacrifice of hundreds of millions of Chinese will have been in vain and the war of anti-aggression and for freedom and human decency for which the manhood and womanhood of Europe and the world are fighting and suffering will also have been in vain."

WOP 'PLANE, HUN BOMBS, RUM CREW

Moscow radio told of a bomber plane brought down on the Bessarabian front.

It was found to be of Italian manufacture, equipped with German bombs, and carrying a Rumanian crew.

BLIND GIRLS PICNIC

Sir,—The Christ Church Group of the V.D.M.A. intend to hold their annual picnic for the blind women of the Industrial Home on Saturday, October 4.

For several years past the women of the Industrial Home have learned to look forward to the annual outing as one of the few really happy events in their year. We sincerely hope that it will not be necessary to dis-appoint them this year.

The Home has moved to Sheung Shui, New Territories, and for this reason, the picnic is being held at Castle Peak Beach instead of Shek O as heretofore. It is not our intention to ask for loan of cars this year, but gifts of money for the afternoon will be greatly appreciated.

Will all those who are willing to help please communicate with me c/o Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

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WREN KILLED IN FLYING ACCIDENT

A Wren—First Officer Ethne Dobson—has been killed in a flying accident on active service this month.

First Officer Dobson was the eldest daughter of the late Rev. R. A. Dobson and Mrs. Dobson, of Bournemouth. The interment was at the naval cemetery, Rosyth.

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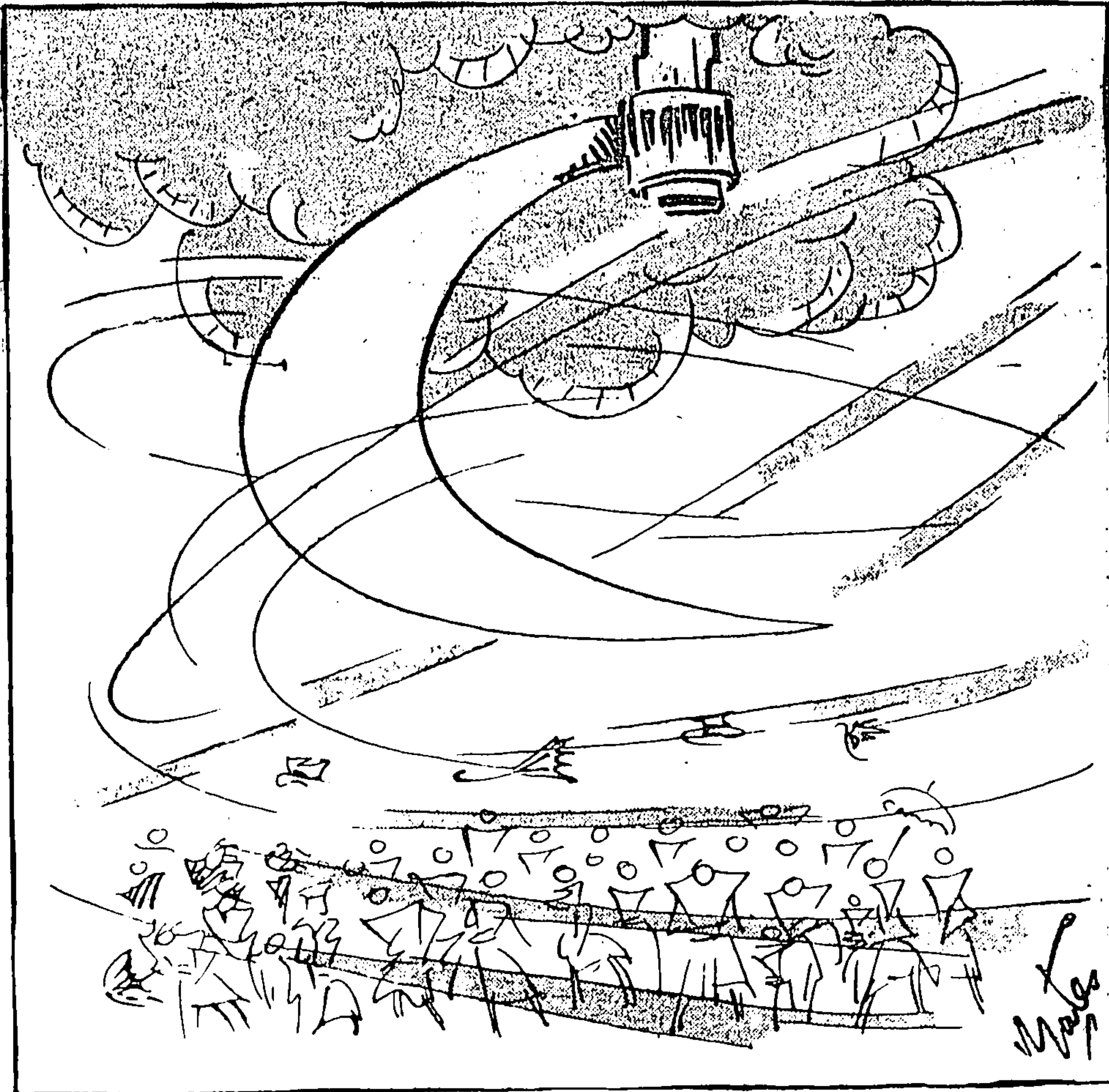
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THE LATTER END

The great battle for Russia — perhaps the fiercest the world has ever known—shows, after nearly thirteen weeks of constant warfare, no diminution in intensity. Having failed to subjugate Russia "according to plan," that is, within the first month of the attack, Hitler finds himself faced with the need for obtaining adequate winter quarters, where he can hope to consolidate himself and prepare for a further effort to subjugate the Soviet Union in the spring. Leningrad and Kiev are, therefore, vital to him and the strength of his attacks on the Russian positions in these sectors is evidence of his supreme need to capture them before the heavy snow storms of winter make intense warfare impossible.

The Soviet forces are defending the approaches to these two key positions with a tenacity that is little short of marvellous. General Timoshenko is assisting by his remarkable come back in the central sector. He is thus engaging forces that might otherwise be released to augment the attacks on the two ends of the line. It is indeed more than probable that the German High Command has already withdrawn as many men as possible without unduly weakening this portion of their defences.

Whatever may be the outcome of the battle, it is clear that Hitler has failed. It has been said that he lost the war when he failed to invade Britain. If so, he has doubly lost it when he failed to occupy Moscow before the winter. With Moscow still immune Hitler cannot present his intended peace terms to Stalin. He is thus defeated, not only in the field but also diplomatically. It is probable that his attack on Russia in the first place was undertaken because he realised he was already defeated in the West. With a broken Russia under his sway, he could then have presented terms to Britain and America which might have proved difficult to reject. He has thrown the dice and lost and today, as a result, is facing defeat both on the Eastern and the Western fronts. He is being slowly but surely crushed even should Kiev and Leningrad fall and though his final overthrow may take some considerable time because, like every man-



TYPHOON

A Belgian's War-Aims

COULD we to concern ourselves here and now with war-aims? I fully appreciate the reasoning of those who refuse to recognise any other war-aim than the winning of the war, and who want to see concrete conditions created by victory before committing themselves to the conditions of peace.

None the less, since peace remains the supreme objective without which everything else would be meaningless, it is necessary to understand what kind of peace we are fighting for, if such agonising sacrifices are to be accepted with eyes open. For the peace of to-morrow will be what the war has made it. It will be inspired by the same ideas.

When Hitler is cynically enslaving his partner Italy, he is with a sinister logic preparing that country's "peace" in the framework of the general enslavement. In the same way, if the Allies are to achieve, later on, that general cooperation in the cause of right which can alone save civilisation, a logical necessity no less implacable demands that they shall practice forthwith between themselves solidarity between equals, generous and confident, inspired by the same principles and expressed by similar methods. We shall achieve successfully to-morrow only what we are already sketching out today, and the noblest dreams will remain sterile unless our action to-day is inspired by them.

These reflections embolden me to present the observations which follow. My country, Belgium, can play only a very limited role in this conflict, but a certain role she is called on to play, none the less. She has rights to defend and duties to perform like the greatest States in the world. There are many reasons why my participation in the discussion should be modest, but I claim at least that it is not misplaced.

Nowhere in the world, without question, do freedom and peace stand in greater need of an inter-

national guarantee than in the Low Countries, where so many highways cross, where human activity is so intense, and on which so many envious eyes are cast. But what guarantee will be definite enough, and what form of organisation will ensure its effective operation? Events in the last quarter of a century have thrown much valuable light on those questions.

Belgium lived originally under the common guarantee of the European Powers.

In spite of that she was attack-

By Louis De Brouckere

ed by two of her guarantors in 1914, and, though she was loyally defended, and enabled thus to regain her liberty in the end, the system none the less failed to prevent either the invasion of my country or general war. In 1925 Locarno brought us a whole collection of new guarantees, which there were good reasons for thinking stronger than the old. Hitler, none the less, solemnly repudiated the engagements which he had no less solemnly contracted. Since then what remained of the system has disintegrated progressively. I simply record the fact, without seeking for the moment to allot responsibility.

Belgium after that obtained two distinct guarantees, one given by France and the United Kingdom, the other by Germany. Then the history of 1914 was repeated. This time once more victory will deliver us, but war has not been avoided.

After her renunciation at Locarno Belgium sought a new security in the tightening of the bonds which, already united, a certain number of small Western States. It is needless to dwell on the fundamental impotence of the Oslo Pact to preserve either general peace or the peace of its member-States. There is not, I imagine, a single reasonable Belgian who is not convinced of that after the experiences my country has been through. No form of regional union could by itself guarantee Belgian peace effectively or prevent the recurrence of a world catastrophe. Belgian peace could only be firmly based within a universal peace-system.

But it is assuredly not enough that a peace-system should be universal, still less that it should be nominally universal, to prove itself completely effective. Witness the League of Nations.

Experience has proved the exact value of the Geneva Institution—and has proved equally its insufficiency.

Geneva, too, must profit by the stern lesson of facts. I cannot develop that thesis here at the close of an article. I must be content with indicating briefly two of the indispensable conditions of success. The required union must be assured of the active cooperation of all the major democracies, that of the United States being particularly essential. We see more clearly every day what American assistance in the war is meaning. What might the star-spangled Republic not have effected for the preservation of peace if it had understood in time that its frontier is on the Rhine? It is necessary, too, imperatively necessary, that cooperation should be organised on the basis of a society of equals. I do not mean by that the States of every varying magnitude must command the same votes—that indeed would create flagrant inequality—but simply that the citizens of every State must have the same opportunity of exercising their legitimate influence over the discussions of the society, and find the same protection for their own peace and the same guarantee of their essential rights. Among these latter one of the most essential is unquestionably the right to national independence, that is to say the right for each State to regulate its own life freely in the organised world with the same liberty as the individual citizen enjoys within each State.

The passion for this right runs strongly in the world. It is felt as ardently by peoples whom history has made small as by the most populous. I have tried to demonstrate that by the example of Belgium, but actually we are dealing with a fact which is completely universal—and very fortunate. The desire for independence must grow still stronger in proportion as the international solidarity of which it is the essential counterpart develops. For how in a united world would it be possible without it to preserve that diversity, that upsurge of individual and group originality without which there can be no intelligent life? If it were necessary to demonstrate the possibility of securing the co-existence in a single union of States of every magnitude, equally free and equally respected, and demonstrate further how invaluable this co-existence is, it would be sufficient to point to the example of the British Commonwealth, whose strength is so vastly increased by the complete equality of rights which exists within it between all those who enjoy Dominion status. But, let me hasten to add, the rights of small nations imply corresponding duties. It is by the full discharge of their duties during war that they may be assured of the plenitude of their rights in peace.

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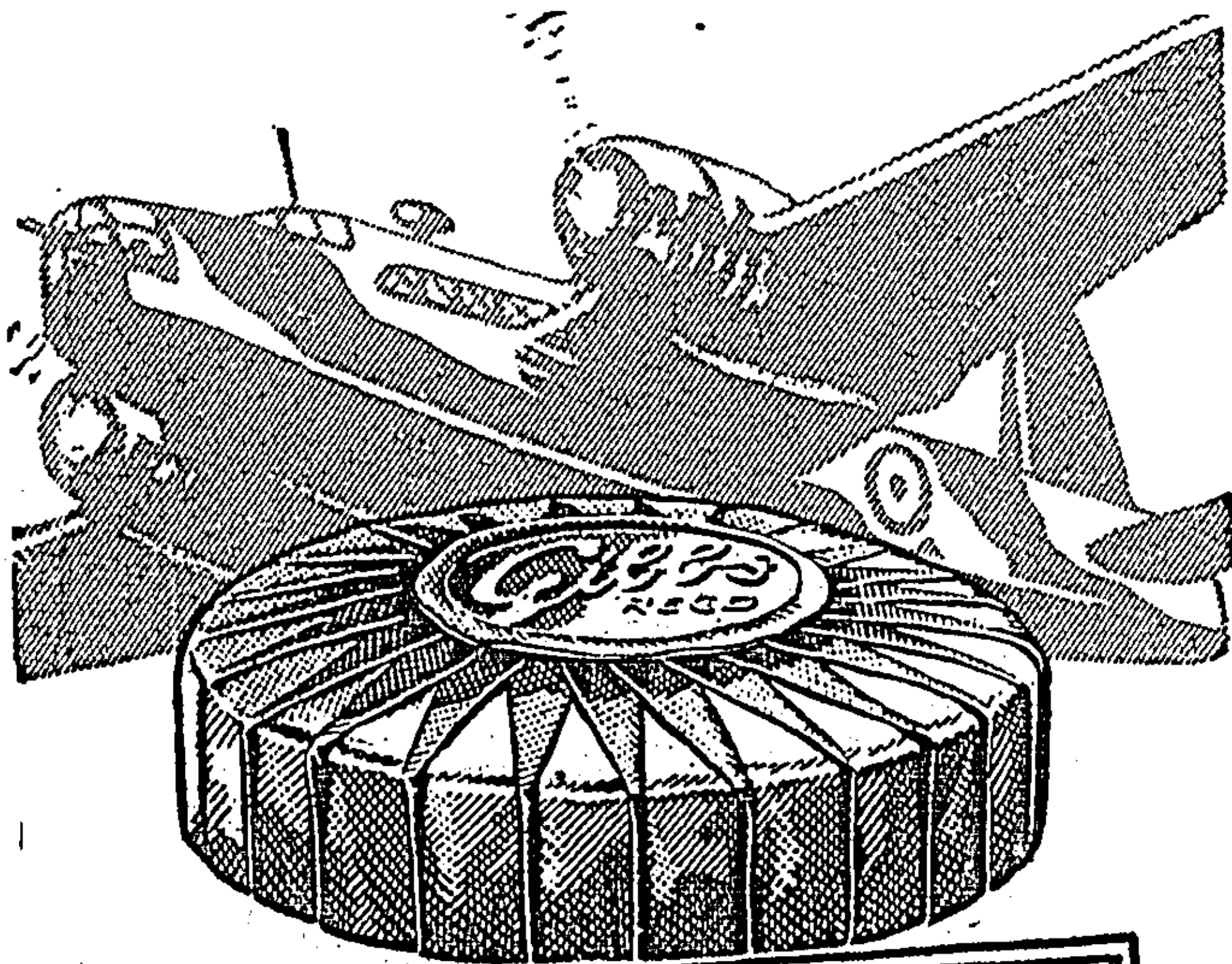
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WATER DEARER THAN VICTORY TO GERMANS

Hans Huffzky, a reporter in one of the German Army's Propaganda Companies, writes for the "Associated Press" a descriptive account of the German soldier's plight and thought on the Russian battlefield.

(By HANS HUFFZKY)

THIS WAR IS THE DRIEST OF ALL WARS. THAT IS BECAUSE IT LEADS PAST TOO FEW WATER MAINS, FEWER THAN IN POLAND AND FEWER THAN IN FRANCE.

Flap down your dust-coated eye-lashes, comrade, and think back—think of France; wasn't that one vast water fountain compared with this country?

Yesterday we passed a village. The saddest soldiers' eyes I have encountered anywhere were on the bridges across the large rivers, across the Berezina, the Dnieper. Eyes of men who for days hadn't come off their dirty, grimy vehicles and out of their hot, dust-covered jackets and trousers, and who now—the burning sun on a sweaty military cap—were crossing the cool water.

Down deep with the pail—up it came with mire and mud. On to the next well! It yielded only a brownish broth.

The wells already had been drawn dry by our comrades. So once again we cannot wash ourselves to-night. Wash? Why, we haven't the faintest intention of washing, there isn't water for that. All we want is to just dip our hands once, just to cool our burned brows and neck a bit.

Field Flasks Priceless

This morning we were to drive through the city of "M" (obviously Minsk). We figured it out: There must be so many hydrants, for drinking, for cooking, for washing, for filling our field flasks.

When we reached "M," we didn't come to "M," for it is something that doesn't exist any more and you can't come to it. We reached "M" only according to our maps. For "M" was in reality nothing but a bit of smouldering landscape. I say landscape because the chimneys which remained standing between the wooden houses looked from afar like trees. The fleeing Soviet had with his artillery shot "M" into the ground and burned it down completely.

Back home in our German garrisons a field flask full of water isn't worth a straw. There it merely weighs down the belt from which, so many other things are already hanging.

But a field flask with drinking water to-day in the East is worth more than anything that can happen to you.

That comrade begs as though he wanted to borrow 100 marks from you. Or he offers you other luxuries in exchange, a whole frying pan full of butter, one dozen eggs—whatever he just happens to have.

The other day one lad offered for one field flask full of tea one pair of boots which he had found abandoned in Soviet barracks and which he really intended as a substitute for his own, which already were pretty dilapidated.

In peacetime the field kitchens usually heat their kettles for drinkables twice daily, once for the morning, once for the evening coffee. In this war they haven't become cold for a single hour. They boil 10 and 12 times during the day and night. One can come to them of mornings at 4, or nights at 11, during the pause between skirmishes, or in the midst of the din of battle—their chimneys invariably exuding smoke, and their kettles will grow cold for the first time only after the last shots of this campaign have been fired.

Water Prime Need

How was it, anyway, at home? How many metres of waterspout did one need every morning for washing a face that after all was really quite clean?

Yesterday for the first time in a long while I was privileged really to wash and shave myself. It was a veritable dis-alpation! I indulged in with that water. Why, I had two whole drinking cups full of water for it!

Never have there been such sad, thirsty eyes during so proud a ride, during their ride across the great streams of an opponent who is forever retreating farther eastward.

We yearn for so much—for example for one hour without the din of battle, for one stretch of summer landscape that doesn't smell of conflagration, for one walk through a street of peace with children's laughter. Yet all this becomes threadbare and infinitesimal compared with the yearning for the great water, for water for drinking, for bathing, for nonsensical wallowing. For this war is the dirtiest of all wars!

THEY GOT D.F.C. AND TWO M.E.S

Two of 20 German fighters destroyed during an R.A.F. bombing raid on Northern France were shot down by two pilots who were celebrating the award of the D.F.C. earlier in the day.

Eight of our fighters are missing, but the pilot of one of them is safe.

Main object of the sweep was the power station near Bethune. Many direct hits were scored with heavy bombs on this plant.

Nazis fighters tried to intercept our bombers, but they were relentlessly driven off.

Five of the enemy machines were sent crashing by one squadron of our fighter escort. Another was brought down by one of our bombers, all of which returned home.

A British pilot who baled out of his falling plane was seen to go into the Channel.

The R.A.F. Sea Rescue Service was in action at once. Fighters circled the spot to protect the pilot and launches.

Two Spitfires were pounced on by six ME. 109s. They turned to the attack. One pilot destroyed one of the MEs which burst into flames and dived into the sea.

Just as it hit the water two others got on our pilot's tail. He evaded them and, as they over-shot, he fired. He saw bits flying from both of them.

They made off for France, and the pilot, who saw that the pilot below had been picked out of the water, went back to his base.

The squadron which shot down five merely reported: "We came back with the bombers and came across various 109s. Several dog-fights ensued."

CROOKED VERSE

There was a crooked man and
He had a crooked style.

He raised a crooked moustache.

And smiled a crooked smile.

His flag a crooked cross, he

Published crooked facts

And built a crooked Europe.

With his crooked little pacts.

—Frank Lynn, in the
"New York Herald-Tribune."

BRITAIN'S PANZER SMASHER

"Valentine," Britain's new, fast, deadly, heavily gunned and armoured tank, is just the sort of machine Hitler's tanks won't like to meet.

Besides a Besa gun, "Valentine" carries in its main turret a five-pounder capable of piercing any tank yet used in any German armoured formation.

These tanks carry a crew of three, are very manoeuvrable, and have a road speed of more than 15 miles an hour.

War Office experts and tank officers who have handled them claim they will cruise across open country like a car on a good road.

"Valentines" are 18 ton infantry tanks, a development from "Waltzing Matilda," ceremoniously named by a unit of the Royal Armoured Corps.

For the weight of guns and armour carried they are faster than was at first expected. They are powerful enough to destroy any machine they are likely to encounter.

"Mark III" was the original name for this tank, details of which, hitherto secret, are now issued by the Ministry of Supply.

Designers have gone back to their drawing boards to plan something even deadlier.

BISMARCK HERO IS PROMOTED

A member of the British mission now in Moscow, Captain (Acting Rear-Admiral) Geoffrey J. A. Miles, A.D.C., R.N., is among the promotions to Rear-Admiral in His Majesty's Fleet. He is a specialist in navigation.

Another promoted is Captain Frederick H. G. Dalrymple-Hamilton, R.N., who was in command of the battleship Rodney when she was in at the "kill" of the Bismarck.

THE WAY OF THE HUN

All Polish girls between the ages of 12 and 18 have been ordered to register for forced labour.

FRONTIER MEN LEARNING JUNGLE WARFARE

(By A "Straits Times" Representative)

REGIMENTS OF the Indian Army who have spent years under active service conditions on the North-West Frontier have after only a few months in Malaya attained a high standard of proficiency in jungle warfare.

In conditions of climate and terrain that differ radically from those of northern India and the desert areas of the Middle East, the sepoy has given further proof of his great adaptability.

In the battles of the Western Desert, in Syria and in the victorious campaigns of East Africa the skill, courage and high endurance of the Indian Army have proved worthy of its fine history and great traditions.

British and American journalists who have just completed a tour of Indian formations and units from Singapore to the north of the Peninsula are convinced from what they have seen that if war should come to Malaya the sepoy will give as good an account of himself as he has done elsewhere in this war.

Humid Heat

From the barren, treeless hills of the Frontier regions, he has come to a country rich in tropical vegetation. He has exchanged the dry seasonal climate of northern India for the humid heat of the Malayan plains.

Gone are the ranges of the Frontier hills, where the unwary and unskilled may fall victim to the tribesman's bullet from nearly a mile away among the rocks.

But the mental alertness, keenness of eye and fieldcraft of the first order which the sepoy has learned in the hard school of the Frontier stand him in good stead in the jungle country of the Peninsula.

Units of the Indian Army stationed in Malaya are equipped with their full complement of motor transport and Bren carriers. They are highly mobile for operations along the main lines of communication, but much time is also being devoted to all types of patrols in the thickest and hardest country that can be found.

The jungle constitutes no barrier for these well trained men, who might one day be called upon to deliver flank attacks through jungle country on advanced enemy elements pinned on a road after penetration inland.

"A high standard of physical fitness is the first essential in addition to resolute and resourceful leadership by platoon and section commanders," a British officer told me.

"And success will be determined also by compass work, for in the jungle there is no sun and very rarely are there landmarks by which to work."

At the head of the patrol moves the man who is clearing the way with parang through undergrowth and jungle vines and creepers. Progress is slow for the patrol strung out in single file. The rate of advance may be as little as a quarter of a mile an hour.

It is very hard work, for the patrol carries everything that it needs for the job in hand—weapons, tommy guns, light automatics, rifles, bayonets and grenades.

It must also carry its own food and water and the medical requisites and mosquito nets without which malaria and other jungle fevers would prove more dangerous enemies than bullets.

Constant Alertness

Patrols must be alert for ambushes on jungle paths, where ranges are a few yards only and swiftness and skill in the use of tommy gun and rifle butt and bayonet point may spell success or failure.

To test jungle patrolling ability, a platoon of a famous northern Indian regiment was recently ordered to make a march of more than 70 miles through some of the hardest country on the Pahang-Negri Sembilan border.

The march was successfully completed in nine days of extremely hard going and men of this particular unit now know what Malayan jungle conditions would mean to an invader.

Endurance is tested by constant sweating in the heat of the day and by the fall of the temperature at night. Heat rashes must be watched, for they can soon turn to skin complaints and cuts and scratches require the immediate application of the iodine pencil.

Many of the Indian Army camps of the east and west coasts are far removed from the highly developed sanitary and anti-malarial systems which have helped to make Malaya one of the healthiest countries in the tropics, but the medical service and the troops themselves have combined in their own anti-malarial measures.

It has been necessary for troops to work in areas notorious for malaria and other jungle fevers and there have, of course, been fever cases, but taken generally the health of the services in the Peninsula is above the average of the British Army.

In one particularly bad area in northern Malaya troops are being accommodated in special mosquito-proof huts.

SHUNTER AT THE PALACE

One of seven heroes whom the King decorated with the George Cross at an Investiture at Buckingham Palace was Mr. Norman Tunna, a shunter on the Great Western Railway at Birkenhead.

Mr. Tunna appeared in dark blue railwayman's uniform.

During enemy action over the Liverpool port area, Mr. Tunna discovered incendiary bombs burning in an open railway wagon containing 250lb. bombs. With complete disregard for his own safety he extinguished them, and by courage of a very high degree eliminated the risk of serious explosions.

Four George Cross winners were heroes of the Navy, and in each case the "Silent Service" described their deeds with the non-committal phrase, "For great gallantry and undaunted devotion to duty."

The recipients were Lieut. John Miller, R.N.V.R., Lieut. Harold Newgass, R.N.V.R., Lieut. William Taylor, R.V.N., and Able Seaman Stephen Tuckwell, Royal Fleet Reserve.

Two other Crosses went to Pilot-Officer Leonard Harrison, R.A.F., formerly civilian armament instructor, Air Ministry, and to Mr. William Mosedale, station officer and rescue officer, Birmingham Fire Brigade.

Commander Rafe Courage, of H.M.S. Havock, had the unusual distinction of receiving three honours—the D.S.O., the D.S.C., and bar.

Eleven air-raid heroes received the George Medal, and three girl telephonists, of Portsmouth Auxiliary Fire Service, were handed the British Empire Medal for their work during big raids.

THE KING CUTS HIS SMOKING

The Queen, talking with the Mayor of Shoreditch remarked when visiting a hostel, "I don't smoke but the King I know has cut down his cigarette smoking because of the shortage."

She said she thought there had been a good deal of cigarette wastage before the war.

"SOVIET TANKS ARE GOOD"

Technical details of the Red Army, of which he had a close view when the Soviet annexed Bessarabia, were described by Bill Arthur, service engineer of the Harnischreeger Corporation, Milwaukee, who has arrived at Johannesburg after a journey half-way round the world.

The Russian Army, he said, was perfectly equipped and, over the countryside, the 18-ton Russian tanks "looked like fleas on a dog's back." There were so many of them. "They are well maintained, powerful and well designed" he added.

Arthur, observing German arms and equipment in Rumania, got the impression that the army was getting "somewhat worn" and the transport showing signs of strain. Even though the Germans may gain initial successes, he thought the war favoured the Soviet.

WHERE'S THAT HATE?

Mr. Tracy Strang, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. World Committee for War Prisoners, after a tour of prison camps in Britain, Switzerland, and occupied France, says:

"I found surprising little hate between captive and captor. Conditions in European prison camps to-day are far better than during the Great War."

Mr. J. Benstead, Assistant General Secretary, told the annual conference of the N.U.R. at Swansea that though the smash-and-grab of Germany must be stopped at all costs, they were opposed to the idea of some people that we had to exterminate every German.

It's Here

"Once the Soviet has been wiped out there will be absolutely nothing to deter Germany from throwing her full force against Britain," the German wireless bawled.

ANTI-NAZI DRAMA

"Professor Mamlock," the famous anti-Nazi drama by Friedrich Wolf, opens to-day at the Lee Theatre.

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1 Pair Binoculars.
1 Radio Set.

also
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



NOTICE

Hong Kong Government

EVACUATION EXPENSES COMMITTEE

The Evacuation Expenses Committee is still holding meetings to deal with applications for Financial Assistance from husbands in Hong Kong whose families have been evacuated to Australia.

To enable this Committee to deal with all applications expeditiously, full information must be given of the monthly salary and allowances which the applicant receives in Hong Kong and any other particulars upon which the claim is based.

All applications will be treated confidentially and should be forwarded to the SECRETARY, EVACUATION EXPENSES COMMITTEE, TREASURY, WINDSOR HOUSE, 3rd FLOOR.

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4319.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 4305 & 4311, Ping Street, Kau Pui Shek.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 2,200 \$26	\$1,650

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1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4320.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 4275 & 4279, Ra Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	N. S. E. W.	As per sale plan	About 4,450 \$32	\$3,338

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$334.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

BRIDGE BABY PROBLEM IS SOLVED

REACHING A SLAM

By The Four Aces

"We know we should have reached a slam," writes an Indianapolis reader, "but we don't see where we went astray. Can you tell us? Here's the hand:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH			
♠	A Q 9 7 3		
♥	K		
♦	Q 4		
♣	K J 9 8 2		
WEST			
♠	J 8 2		
♥	10 7		
♦	J 10 9 5		
♣	7 6 4 3		
EAST			
♠	10 5 4		
♥	6 4 3 2		
♦	K 8 7 3		
♣	Q 10		
SOUTH			
♠	K 6		
♥	A Q J 9 8 5		
♦	A 6 2		
♣	A 5		

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	Pass

There was a grand slam at either spades or hearts. Should South have helped the spades, or was it up to North to do something about the hearts?

We think the fault was North's. South showed slam hopes based on a very powerful hand when he jumped from one spade to three hearts. Such a bid is made only when there is a very good fit for the original suit (spades) or an exceptionally strong suit in the responder's hand. The fact that South didn't raise spades but rebid his hearts showed that he had the second type of hand. And if South had an exceptionally powerful heart suit, North's King should obviously assume great importance.

Very largely on the strength of this heart King, North should have raised to five hearts when South rebid his suit. If South could go on to six, he would undoubtedly have enough high-card strength outside of hearts to make his contract, and even if South had already "stretched", a contract of five hearts was surely safe.

As a matter of fact, South might very well jump to seven hearts if North raised to five. From the bidding, North would be pretty well marked with the Ace of spades, the King of hearts, and enough strength in the black suits to take care of South's losers. And even if South played safe by bidding only six hearts, at least a slam contract would be reached rather than an ignominiously timid game contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠	A Q 10 7 5
♥	8
♦	K J 5 2
♣	Q 9 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♠	1♥	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This is a cheap opportunity to show your major suit. If partner lacks support for spades, you can stand a club rebid.
Score 100% for one spade, 60% for two clubs.

Question No. 824

Today you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♠	1♥	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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They will describe the Government's plans to keep babies robust and unperturbed by rationing, shelter life, and lack of vitamins contained in such pre-war necessities as grapes, tomatoes and orange juice.

Dr. D. H. Geffen, secretary of the Council's committee, said: "These plans are most comprehensive. Whatever happens babies' priority milk supply is fresh, tinned and dried is assured. There are plenty of vitamin preparations stored in addition to vitamin C, which will be produced from the black currant crop which the Ministry of Food have earmarked for babies.

This is five times as rich in vitamin C as fresh oranges. The Council hope to obtain special ration concessions from the Minister of Food for the mother-to-be.

SHOE STYLES MAY BE CUT TO THREE

Footwear is likely to be standardised so that there will be only two or three styles for both men and women.

Manufacturers already have had to reduce their range considerably.

"People are buying good, durable footwear, and there is very little demand for ultra-fashion goods," the manager of a shoe store told the "Daily Sketch".

Boots have disappeared from the shops because of the large amount of material required to make them. If there is another severe winter women will have to be content with galoshes.

If it is decided to produce a standard shoe it will not be on sale for a few months yet, as there are still comparatively large stocks in the country.

FLATULENCE

A QUICK, SURE REMEDY

Only those who are victims of flatulence know how painful this form of indigestion can be. The stomach becomes "blown out," pressing on other organs. Acute "stitch" is felt in the side and under the heart. In severe cases, palpitation and breathlessness make the sufferer feel as if he were actually a heart patient.

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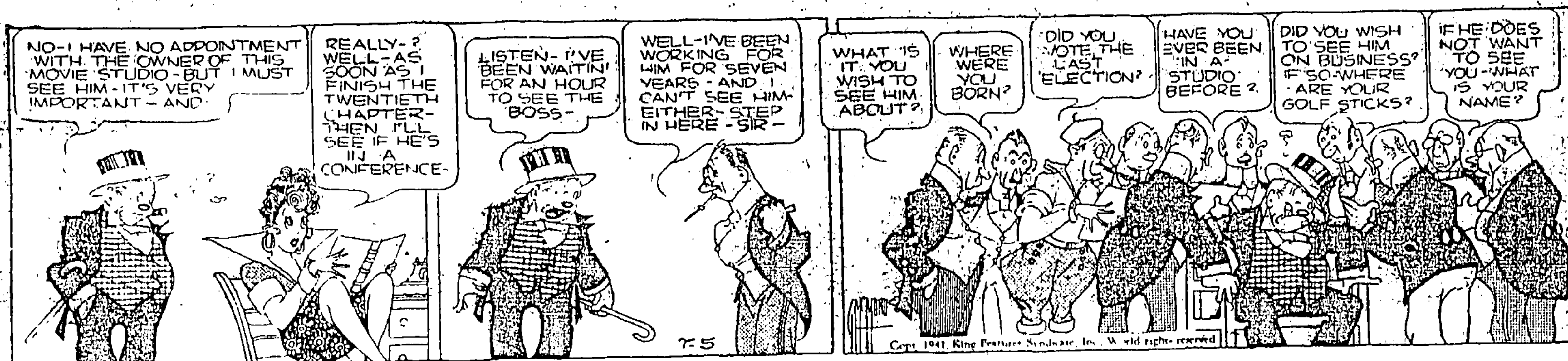
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Scalp & Hair Treatment

Any long or brief acute illness, or emotional shock, will cause the hair to fall out alarmingly. Therefore the woman who experiences an illness or shock should upon recovery, give her head special pampering.

If one can afford it, it is best to buy a series of professional salon treatments, providing the home-town beauty parlour is capable of giving a professional scalp treatment. Some are not, I am sad to report, and rather than have the scalp harmed by inexperienced hands, a woman should give herself the treatment, or ask a friend to give her a hand.

The primary step is the selection of a reputable scalp pomade, special conditioning tonic, a re-conditioning oil and a good liquid shampoo. A convalescent must bear in mind that her hair is as tired as her body. It has little vitality so it deserves the best aids one can purchase. There are perhaps no more than a dozen very reliable lines of scalp products on the market. I personally have investigated and approved no more than nine. So it pays to take a little pains in buying the aids you use on your scalp.

A treatment goes as follows: When your head is ready for a washing, part the hair and anoint the scalp completely with the salve, ointment or pomade you have bought. For ten minutes or longer, massage the scalp with the fingers. Then heat the reconditioning oil, apply it with fresh pieces of cotton to scalp and hair length. If you have a sun lamp sit under it for ten minutes (providing it is not one which limits the time to fewer minutes for safety), and if you have no lamp then wrap your head in small bath towels which have been saturated with the hottest of water and wrung out. Thus you get a steaming. (The salon steamers are excellent but the hot towels are a good substitute.)

After a very thorough washing with two soapings of liquid shampoo and several clear water rinsings, dry your hair with a towel and by the heat of your hands unless you can sit beneath the sun lamp again or in the sunshine. However if you do sit beneath the lamp or sun you must keep parting and combing the hair so no part of it will get too concentrated heat.

Tonic Daily

When the scalp is dry as can be, the hair is again parted and



An optimist is he who thinks a summer cold is something to sneeze at.



Give your hair plenty of air and exercise during convalescent months. In order to keep her lovely red-gold hair in good condition, Joan Leslie gives her scalp a workout with tonic, a good brushing, and then lets the wind blow through her hair.

the scalp anointed with the conditioning tonic. Such a tonic is not greasy and one soon learns to limit the amount of daily application so the hair is kept soft and manageable without becoming heavy or sticky. Do not let any day go by without brushing the hair well for ten minutes with a brush that has been sterilised. Do not use the brush two days without washing it during this reconditioning period.

Such a treatment should be given every ten days or every two weeks for a period of three months. And do not sigh when I say "three months"—it takes that long for your entire body to become healthy after an illness or shock. Patience is the virtue you must practice if you wish to recapture your lost vitality and beauty.

There Are Three Sexes

You have only to put your nose around the door of the May Fair Hotel and you will find Terry Rowlands, smart and slick in her little page-boy hat and "buttons." She is the first girl to become an hotel usherette in Britain.

Neat and pretty, she is a success not because of glamour, but because of brains.

She isn't envious, or malicious, or impressed by the thoughtless and expensive women who daily come her way, for she has character as well as intelligence. But it has taken her all her philosophy to get used to their ways.

"They let you down, women, don't they?" says Terry, summing up rather ruthlessly. "I don't like seeing some of them behaving as they do; mean on little things, stingy where men are generous. It's as though they're taking away our good name, and it makes you kind of sad when you find yourself thinking: 'I don't like women much.'"

"It's a bit hard to keep your sense of humour sometimes when

you hear a group of young lovelies saying: 'I should die if I had to go to work,' and telling each other how they'd dodged conscription, and what an idiot they think dear so-and-so is for joining the W.A.A.F.

"I can tell by her manner and self-confidence whether a woman has made her own way or had it made for her. You can tell it, too, when you see them with men. The Girl Mother Keeps is more anxious.

"The Girl with the Good Job is more assured, and a match for any man. She uses less tricks, and her men don't look so polite and bored.

"There's something awfully silly about a woman with no work," says Terry. "You'd be surprised at the trivial, mean little things that worry them.

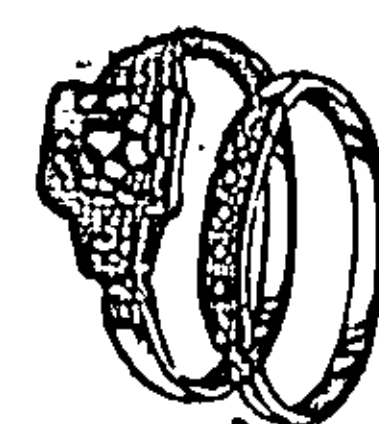
"I'd say there are three sexes," says Terry. "Men. Women. And Intelligent People. The third are the folk I like. And it's a curious thing that among the women the Intelligent People are always those who do a job of work."

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sion.

12.30 p.m.—A Light Irish Programme.

Twas Only An Irishman's Dream

(O'Brien-Dublin-Cormack) ... Billy

Murray (Vocal) with Band.

Medley Of Jigs—The Bantry Hunt;

Glengarriff's Pride; Pet of the Piper

... Sean Nolan (Violin) with Piano.

When Irish Eyes Are Smiling (Graft,

Olcott & Ball) ... Phil Regan

(Vocal) with Orchestra.

The Green Groves Of Erin—Irish

Reel—Introducing "The Ivy Leaf"

... William J. Mullaly (Concertina)

with Piano.

Irish Washerwoman (Traditional) ...

The Four King Sisters (Vocal) with

Orchestra.

Medley Of Reels: Teddy O'Neagle—

The Pretty Girl Milking Her Cow

... Sean Nolan (Violin) with Piano.

That's How You Can Tell They're

Irish (Gaskill-Grey); The Hat My

Father Wore (Schwartz-Jerome) ...

Billy Murray (Vocal) with Band.

Londonderry Air (Traditional) ...

Albert Sandler (Violin) with Organ.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Musical Comedy "Please

Teacher"; Bobby Howes and Com-

pany with The London Hippodrome

Chorus and Orchestra.

1.20 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuf-

fine.

Roy Club Rag (Harry Roy); Where

Did Robinson Crusoe Go With Fri-

day On Saturday Night (Lewis-

Young); You Made Me Love You

(McCarthy-Monaco).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Programme of Old English

Music with Purcell's Suite for Strings.

Suite for Strings (Purcell, arr. Bar-

birolli)—1st Mov: Andante maestoso

(quasi adagio)—Allegro; 2nd Mov:

Tempo di Minuetto; 3rd Mov: An-

dantino; 4th Mov: Allegretto glo-

cioso; 5th Mov: Largo; 6th Mov:

Allegro ... Philharmonic Symphony

Orchestra of New York cond. by J.

Barbirolli.

My Lovely Cella (Monro, arr. Wilson)

Nan Maryska (Soprano) with

Piano.

Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes

(Traditional); Barbara Allen (Tra-

ditional arr. Hartley) ... The Wel-

beck Light String Quartet.

Sally Horner (Traditional) ... Brian

Lawrence (Vocal) with Fred Hartley

and his Quintet.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.47 p.m.—Dinah Shore In A Swing

Programme.

Ready, Get Set, Jump! ... Tony Pastor

and his Orchestra.

My Blue Heaven ... Coleman Haw-

kin's All Star Octet.

Jim (Shawn-Ross-Petrillo) ... Dinah

Shore (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Beale Street Blues: South of The

Border (Down Mexico Way) ...

Wingie Manone & his Orchestra.

Honey-suckle Rose (Razaf-Waller);

Do You Care? (Elliott-Quadling)

... Dinah Shore (Vocal) with Orch.

Tea For Two; I Never Knew ...

Sowande and his Music.

7.17 p.m.—Sydney Torch at the Organ.

In The Still Of The Night (from film

"Rosalie").

You're A Sweetheart (from film).

Torch Parade, No. 3—Intro: I Can't

Love You Any More; I'll Never

Smile Again, Until I Smile At You;

Until You Fall In Love; I Hear

Bluebirds; Foot's Rush In; We'll Go

Smiling Along.

7.30 p.m.—"Hit" From The Shows.

Daily's Theatre Waltz Memories—In-

tro: A Waltz Dream, Gipsy Love;

The Country Girl; The Merry

Widow; The Cingalee; The Coun-

ty Of Luxembourg ... Charles Prentice

and his Orchestra.

"Bitter Sweet"—I'll See You Again

(Noel Coward) ... Annie Ziegler

(Vocal) and Webster Booth with

Orchestra.

"Happy Memories"—Selection from

Old Time Shows ... The New May-

fair Orchestra.

"The New Moon"—Wanting You

(Romberg) ... Lawrence Tibbett

(Baritone) with Piano.

"The New Moon"—Lover, Come Back

To Me (Mandel-Romberg) ...

Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with

Orchestra.

Musical Comedy Gems—Intro: If I

Am Dreaming ("The Dubarry");

Salzkammergut (White Horse Inn);

Lover Come Back To Me (The New

Moon); Charming Weather (Ar-

cadians); Mr. Jeremiah Esq.

(Quaker Girl) ... Leslie Jeffries and

his Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post"; Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Marek Weber and His

Orchestra and Richard Tauber

(Tenor).

"Die Fledermaus"—Selection (J.

Strauss) ... Marek Weber and his

Orchestra.

Love Lost Forever More (from film

"Blossom Time"); Once There

Lived A Lady Fair (from film

"Blossom Time") ... Richard

Tauber with Orchestra.

Waltzes—A Summer Evening (Wald-

teufel); St. Mary's Chimes (Strauss,

arr. Zietlberger) ... Marek Weber

and his Orchestra.

Fear—Nothing (from Operetta

"Paganini") ... Lehar-Herbert

Richard Tauber with Orchestra.

Waltz (Durand) ... Marek Weber and

his Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Pre-

sent"—A Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Kafman—"The Countess

Maritza"—Potpourri, Edith Lorand

and her Viennese Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

Soviet To Import U.S. Machine Tools

MACHINE TOOLS, presumably for use in new munitions and supply plants to be constructed deep in Russia's interior and away from Nazi bombers, are the No. one item on Soviet Russia's requisition list turned in to American authorities, according to information obtained from exporters who maintain close business contacts with the Soviet states the "New York Times."

Russia's greatest industrial centre at present, it was pointed out, is Leningrad, objective of a sharp drive by Nazi forces. Second is Moscow, already bombed by German fliers, and third Kharkov, Ukrainian city.

Despite the fact that the government has already released \$1,700,000 worth of machine tools tied up here for months through a lack of export permits, Russia is in the market for several times that amount and would like delivery as soon as possible, it was said.

Foreign traders estimate that Russia has \$50,000,000 in earmarked gold and in credits available here to pay for goods. Difficulties of transportation may make it impossible for her to replenish the funds from her own large stocks of gold while the war is on, but exporters are confident that credits will be made available to her either under the lend-lease act or by other means.

U.S. Import Soviet Goods

A report which circulated here recently and found ready acceptance among exporters was that America will contract for large quantities of such Russian commodities as manganese, coal, platinum, jewels for industrial uses, tobacco and other goods for delivery after the war. Payment for the products would be made at once and create a fund from which Russia could draw in paying for the goods she needs now.

Other "rush" items on the Soviet list of supplies are aircraft, including long-range bombers; certain types of artillery, together with the necessary ammunition, and quantities of scientific instruments ranging from those used in aeroplanes to heat-measuring apparatus required in the production of steel and other metals. Russia also would like quantities of copper, aluminium, brass and oil well and oil processing equipment.

The Amtorg Trading Corporation, buying and selling agency here for the Russian Government for years, has been designated as buying commission for Soviet war-time needs. According to arrangements reported concluded in Washington, the agency will be granted whatever export licences are required on shipments of materials to Russia.

Under this system exporters getting orders from Amtorg will be relieved of the necessity of applying for licences and will be able to treat the sales as a purely domestic transaction.

There is serious concern among both Russian and United States officials over the problem of transporting supplies to the Soviet. Russia is said to lack the ships necessary to move goods in the quantities she will require and

there is doubt as to whether America can spare enough ships to make up Russia's deficiency.

An added factor is the uncertainty over Japan's actions in the Pacific. It is assumed that supplies will have to move to Russia through the port of Vladivostok and from there over the Trans-Siberian Railway to western production centres. If Japan moves against Russia and blockades the port, serious present difficulties will be multiplied.

PRAISE OF PRESS IN DEBATE

Before the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill was read a second time in the House of Commons Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, said the Bill's main purpose was to repeal many of the licence duties. The yield of purchase tax on medicines was estimated at about £3,000,000, nearly four times the annual yield of the duties.

"The brutally scandalous age of patent medicines," he said, "is in the past rather than the present. The public-spirited action of manufacturers and of the Press has done a great deal to remove complaints, but in the present state of the law opportunity still exists for the unscrupulous to trade on the credulity and fears of the ill-informed."

Mr. Beverley Baxter said there was a tendency in the Bill to place monopoly powers in the hands of the British Medical Council, a very reactionary body.

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NAVY TO ENTER 2ND DIVISION

Cricket representatives of the different naval ships had a meeting early in the week to discuss Royal Navy's cricket prospects for the season, and it is understood that they decided to run a team in Second Division of the League.

It seems a great pity that exigencies of the service should preclude Navy's participation in the Premier League, for they have always been able to field a fairly strong side.

LANEFORD'S DOUBLE FIGURES

In a friendly football game on Club ground yesterday Laneford beat Club by 10 goals to 4 after leading at the interval by 5 goals to 1.

Laneford possessed a good forward line, in which Kwok Lai-fai and Leung Ping-pui, the wingers, shone. Cheong, in goal in place of R. Marques, played quite well and brought off several good saves, while Lui Hin-hon and Chan Man-sien were safe backs.

Club started with nine men and were soon in difficulties against the accurate and rapid passing of the Laneford forwards, being completely unable to cope with Kwong Lai-fai and Leung Ping-pui, who were the main cause of danger.

Sloan, Ege and Kennard were the best Club defenders, while in the forward line Forrow and Gow were outstanding.

Forrow scored all four goals for his side and Kwok Lai-fai (3), Chin Kan-sang (2), Leung Ping-kwan (2), Leung Ping-pui (2) and Ng Sui-fook scored for Laneford.

Club:—Sloan, Ege and Kennard; Ege, Skinner and Needham; Hopkinson, Gow, Gilchrist, Forrow and Gratton. Laneford:—T. L. Cheong, Lee Hui-lum and Chan Man-sien; T. H. Edgar, J. Lodge and C. Carr; Kwok Lai-fai, Chin Kan-sang, Leung Ping-kwan, Leung Ping-pui and Ng Sui-fook.

SAINTS BEAT R.A.O.C.

AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY, ST. JOSEPH'S BEAT ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS BY 7 GOALS TO 2 IN A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL GAME.

This was the first practice game played by either team, but they were not at full strength. Hussain, Santos and Castilho being absentees from St. Joseph's side, while Duffield and Emberson were missed by Ordnance.

Twydale played a good game at centre-half for Saints and was well assisted by P. Castro at right-half. Tong, a newcomer, tackled and positioned well but was not too sure in his clearances. In the attack D. Leonard and Lee Wai-lam, right-winger of Engineers, who completed the team, were outstanding.

Reynolds strained a muscle while kicking in, and in the second half was seen in the forward line.

Adams defended well, while in the Ordnance intermediate line Roberts was the best.

Saints led at half time by 5 goals to 1, scored by Ho Ying-fai, Lee Wai-lam (2), Leonard, and Lopez, while Hobson netted for Ordnance.

Goals by Leonard and Lee Wai-lam for St. Joseph's and Reynolds from a penalty were scored in the second half.

R.A.O.C.—Reynolds, Adams and Russell; Nichols, Roberts and Lino (standing); Cole, Hobson, Hewitson, Harding and Pennington.

St. Joseph's—S. Tang, J. A. Tong and W. Maher; P. Castro, Twydale and Lau Wing-kyong; Ho Ying-fai, Lee Wai-lam, D. Leonard, J. Souza and T. Lopez.

Len Hutton, who had a broken arm set twice during the winter, is playing cricket again and scored 68 at Darlington.

V.R.C., VENUE OF H. K. AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, DATES BACK TO 1872

By "Incog."

IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHICH WILL COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 25 AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CLUB IS NOT OUT OF PLACE, ESPECIALLY AS THERE MUST BE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING NOT A FEW MEMBERS OF V.R.C., WHO DO NOT KNOW WHEN THIS ORGANISATION FIRST CAME INTO EXISTENCE.

Opinion varies regarding the actual date of the inauguration of the club. Some claim that V.R.C. dates back to the late forties, while others say that it was not till about 1870-71 that Victoria Recreation Club came into existence. Be that as it may, however, it has been ascertained that it was sometime in October or November, 1872, that the club was officially opened.

There was a time when V. R. C. moved over to the Kowloon side of the harbour, but this was a temporary measure, and as soon as arrangements were possible for re-transfer to the island, in about 1907, the matter was put in hand without delay.

It was about this time that permission was sought, and granted, for the erection of the present club-house which, since then, has been added to and improved upon from time to time.

In this connection it is interesting to recall that but a year or so ago, a "windfall," in the form of a legacy of £1,000, came for the club under the will of the late Mr. Thomas Meek, who for many years was one of its leading members. Proposals were made to spend the money upon extension but these were "shelved" temporarily, it being decided that the time was not opportune to commit the club to any heavy expenditure, the unexpected but very welcome gift notwithstanding.

In the earlier part of its history, V.R.C. catered to a considerable extent for yachting, rowing, gymnastics and physical training, in addition to swimming, and though rowing and the gymnasium still form part of the activities of the club today, it is swimming that commands the biggest following. Yachting interest has died out almost entirely.

Boxing Tournaments

Time was when boxing played a big part in the activities of the club, so much so that for a number of years Amateur Boxing Championships were staged by the club, with a special tournament open to schools in the Colony.

V.R.C. also held athletic meetings annually, on Hong Kong Football Club's ground.

Generally regarded as the parent-body of swimming in Hong Kong, V.R.C. has looked after arrangements for all Interport Swimming contests, and they also run the annual Colony Swimming Championships, in connection with which are the following notes on the form of some of the leading aspirants:

DAVID HUTCHINSON, 100 yards free-style champion of the Colony, has not shown consistent form this season. His obvious lack of training in the early part of this season was proven at the Y.M.C.A.—University gala, when he was beaten by Charles Huang in the poor time of 60.1/5 seconds.

However, this had the effect of making him concentrate more on training, but the delay told on him as Tsui Hang took first place in the Charity Gala, clocking 57 seconds as against his 57.3 secs. He has since contracted ear trouble, which further interfered with his training schedule.

Opinion is that he will reach the 100 finishing line first, as he has a technically perfect stroke, with the accent on smoothness, and his turns give him a foot's advantage on any other swimmer in the Colony.

Charles Huang Is Steadily Improving

CHARLES HUANG, V.R.C.'s best middle and long distance man, is slowly improving and his style is decidedly better than last year. He has to contend with Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and

Lau Tai-ping, Lai Tsun's stars, who have all beaten him over the 440 Yards in open events this season. However, he is not discouraged as in these races he was pacing his opponents who are "one-pace" swimmers. As Huang himself was heard to say, "I shan't make the same old mistake and keep up with them, but I'll swim my own race and pip them at the post."

Huang's sprinting has improved considerably, his excellent time of 58.2/5 recently in the 100 Yards making him a strong challenger to David Hutchinson and Tsui Hang. This factor will weigh considerably in his favour when he swims in the 220 Yards, and he may just win this event from Chan Chun-nam and Yau Sai-kwan.

A. K. RUMJAHN, Colony's 100 Yards back-stroke champion, is showing better form now, and his best time is 70.3/5 seconds, clocked in the heats a week ago yesterday.

He has very strong challengers in Poon Wing-kai, Lau Yiu-ting, A. V. Lopes and particularly W. Lawrence. However, he should be able to win the 100 yards, but the heats in the newly inaugurated 220 yards back-stroke proved he lacks the necessary stamina.

LIONEL ROZA-PEREIRA, the Diving champion, has been busy training his pupils and practising his own dives, and there does not appear to be anybody, with the possible exception of Ed. da Roza, who can polish up their dives sufficiently to rob him of his title.

Taylor Unavailable This Year

D. H. TAYLOR, V.R.C.'s sprinter-de-luxe has not swum at all this season, being under doctor's orders.

G. SAUNDERS, new member of V.R.C., is a keen youngster who makes a beautiful entry in his well-performed dives. He, however, needs more experience to be able to provide a serious challenge to V.R.C.'s first string divers.

He is also capable to turning in the fast time of 26.2/5 for the 50 Yards, and will swim third string in the relays.

C. SILVA-NETTO, who long ago showed promise of developing into a top-flight swimmer, has been unfortunate to be stricken by one illness after another. It is feared that he has not recuperated sufficiently to be able to provide serious opposition to the other Colony stars.

W. Lawrence, former Colony champion and holder of the 220 Yards free-style record, is now past his prime, but still trains whenever his duties permit, specialising in the back-stroke. He is almost certain to win the 220 Yards back-stroke, and is the only man likely to beat Rumjahn over the 100 Yards.

Fine All-Rounders Among Ladies

MISS VIVIENNE CHURN, Colony lady champion over the shorter distances, has shown decided improvement and is a certainty for the 50 Yards and 100

Yards free-style. She had the misfortune to be disqualified in a heat in the 50 Yards breast-stroke—she won it easily—following a faulty turn.

She has the ideal figure for a swimmer and her supporters will be disappointed if a couple of records are not broken by her this year.

MISS JACQUELINE ANDERSON, who is under the expert coaching of Lionel Roza-Pereira, has also shown improvement, and will provide the most serious challenge to Miss Churn.

Unlike the majority of her colleagues, "Jackie" is essentially a "power-swimmer." She has proven to be an adept pupil in diving, and may probably win the new event, women's diving, from the 3-metre board.

MISS CELESTE GUTTERES, Harbour Race and long distance champion, has also shown herself to be a sprinter of no mean ability.

She should finish very close to Miss Churn in the 220 Yards where her endurance should carry her through. Although no match for Miss Lily Sadick in the back-stroke, she appears a certainty for second place.

Miss Lopes's Training Feats Inconsistent

MISS IRENE LOPES, has managed to iron out a couple of her faults in style, but her training has not been consistent.

She is invaluable in the relays, and is also very good in the back-stroke, and with a little more hard training, should be more than a threat to the other "A" class swimmers.

MISS MYRA NORONHA, one of the most popular of the lady supporters of the V.R.C., astonished almost everyone by beating Miss Ko Mul-ling, and Miss Lo Po-kum (Lai Tsun) on July 12, using the butterfly stroke, and she stands a chance of coming second to Miss Li Po-luen in the 50 Yards breast-stroke championship.

She is also first reserve for the V.R.C. ladies free-style quartette.

MISS EILEEN GRANT, has yet to correct her major fault of pulling with her arms sideways, and when she does her future in local swimming will brighten immensely.

The Yollo sisters, YVONNE and JEANNETTE, are practising hard to graduate from V.R.C. "B"

RECREIO BOWLS CHANGES

Club de Recreio are making a few changes in both their First Division Lawn Bowls League teams for this week-end's games.

In the "A" team Roza-Pereira is the only skip to retain the same rink. Alves will have Marques and C. G. Silva at Nos. 2 and 3 respectively instead of C. M. Silva and Noronha, while J. F. V. Ribeiro will take over skip's duties from C. G. Silva and will have J. Luz, C. M. Silva and L. Xavier as his front men, as against Luz, Silva and Xavier for C. G. Silva in the last game.

In the "B" team Basto has the same four, but Guterres will have Vas, Carvalho and Soares as his front men instead of J. A. Remedios and A. M. Rodrigues, the last-named taking over Souza's rink of Pereira, J. A. Remedios and J. C. Remedios, as against Souza's rink of Pereira, Alves and J. C. Remedios.

Hong Kong Football Club, whose last Second Division Lawn Bowls League match was against Prison Officers' Club, will be playing their return match against the same team on Saturday, and are fielding exactly the same team as for their first game, which they won on all three rinks.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

CLUB DE RECREIO
First Division "A" (v Civil Service C.C. home):—F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz, F. V. Ribeiro, C. Roza-Pereira (skip), J. Luz, C. M. Silva, L. Xavier, J. V. Ribeiro (skip); F. X. Silva, C. E. Marques, C. G. Silva, H. A. Alves (skip).

First Division "B" (v Police R.C. home):—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes, J. J. Basto (skip), A. F. Pereira, J. A. Remedios, J. C. Remedios, A. M. Rodrigues (skip), C. F. Vas, M. A. Carvalho, J. Soares, A. P. Guterres (skip).

HONG KONG F. C.
Second Division (v Prison Officers' Club, away):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby, W. Gill (skip), A. Watson, J. Gelling, C. Needham, W. Macfarlane (skip), R. P. Shaw, C. E. Robertson, A. Brooksbank, K. S. Robertson (skip).

"CHINA MAIL" CUP BOWLS COMPETITION

LAWN BOWLING MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEERS HELD A MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS YESTERDAY WHEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL INTER-UNIT COMPETITION FOR THE "CHINA MAIL" CUP WERE FINALISED.

It was announced that entries for the competition would close on October 6, the first block of matches being scheduled for the morning of October 12. Last year the entries totalled 38, and indications are that this number will be exceeded this year.

Major F. Flippance was elected chairman of the committee in charge of the competition, with Sergt. J. G. Meyer as Hon. Secretary and S/Sergt. M. N. Rakusen as Hon. Treasurer. The Committee comprises C.Q.M.S. Baptista, L/Cpl. A. Bowen and a representative from Corps Artillery.

CRAIGENGOWER CELEBRATION

Members and friends of Craigengower Cricket Club spent a very enjoyable time last evening when the Cosmopolitan Party gave a concert in aid of the Bomber Fund. This followed the dinner held in celebration of Craigengower's success in the Senior Division of the Lawn Bowls League.

class and are up and coming swimmers.

MISS MARGUERITE GUTTERES, MISS VIVIAN RULL and MISS THERESA YVANO-VICH, the three most promising of the host of V.R.C. girls, are being coached, and more should be heard of them next season.

EASTERN EXPERIMENTS TO-DAY

ROYAL ENGINEERS, NEW-COMERS TO FIRST DIVISION OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST REAL TEST WHEN THEY MEET EASTERN IN A FRIENDLY GAME AT SOOKUNPOO THIS AFTERNOON AT 5.45 P.M.

Sappers are making no changes in the team which beat Club 7-3 last Saturday, but Eastern will be making a number of changes in their side.

As changing of players will be permitted, Eastern will be playing both Hsu King-seng and Chang Kam-hoi in the pivotal position in each period, while Lau Fook-chuen will be seen at inside-right. Hau Ching-to, who did not play against Police last Sunday, will also be seen in action.

Following are the teams:
R.E.—Moxham, Palmer, Fielding, Chan Ping-yuen, Shaw, Taylor, Li Wai-lam, Birrell, Peilham, Fox and Jones.
Eastern (from the following): Lau Hin-hon, Ng Kee-cheong, Y. S. Yim, Lo Wai-kuen, Hsu King-seng, Chan Kam-hoi, Kiu Wing-fuk, Chung Yung-sum, Lau Fook-chuen, V. K. Hyatt, C. T. Tsao, Yuen Yau-lam and Hau Ching-to.

FALLACE AND EARDLEY UNAVAILABLE

Club will be without Fallace and Eardley, who are on duty, for their friendly soccer game against Sing Tao on the Club ground on Saturday.

Owing to the typhoon on Tuesday, the Football Committee could not meet and 12 players have been requested to attend. All present at the field will have a game and those unable to play are requested to inform V. G. H. Upton, of Messrs Butterfield and Swire as soon as possible.

Following are the players:—S. A. Fowler, Upton, Forrow, Bond, Gilchrist, A. Odell, J. Skinner, Millington, Hopkinson, E. Strange, F. Fowler and Bickford.

CHINESE TO MEET REST XI ON OCT. 10

At a meeting of the League Management committee yesterday it was decided that the Charity game on October 10 be played at Caroline Hill in aid of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China and be between Combined Chinese and "Rest of the Colony."

It was also decided that as a curtain-raiser a match be played between Combined Chinese and "Rest of the League" players, to be selected from those competing in the Junior Divisions.

The selections of the teams have been left to a later date, thus affording an opportunity of seeing the leading players in action during the next fortnight.

MINIATURE FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL

The first semi-final in the Emporium Miniature Football Shield competition will be played this afternoon at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m. when Mau Luk Clinic meet Ah Q.

Prior to this game, Tung Shan and Sing Pao meet in the quarter finals, and the winner will meet South China in the other semi-final.

The following are the teams:—Tung Shan:—Mak Ping, Hau Yung-sang, Man Sau-ki, Leo Tak-kee, Wong Man-kwei, Lai Shiu-wing, Lau Chung-sang, Cheong Moon-wing, Chan Chai-ki, and Poong Kwan-sing.

Sing Pao:—Wong Kok-yul, Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Tak-yan, Ho Lok-ki, Ho Yan-fan, Leung Peng-kwan, Kwok Ying-ki, and John Kam-chuen.

Mau Luk Clinic:—Shuen Po-on, Lam Tak-po, Fok Yiu-wah, Leung Peng-sun, Lai Chung-yuen, Chu Wing-keung, Leung Fong-kwan, Chang Hoi-cheong, and Chow Koon-ping.

Ah Q:—P. C. Woo, K. P. King, K. S. Yang, G. Wung, B. Y. Hsu, P. C. Chai, T. P. Woo, H. H. Yu, K. S. Hui, L. L. Chai, and C. T. Hau.

OFFICIALS FOR OPENING SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are the appointments for the opening fixtures in the Hong Kong Football League, which commences on Saturday, September 27:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

First Division
Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Emmens.
Linesmen:—Messrs. K. P. King and Winsor.
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Mitchell.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Edwards and Pike.
Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Kossick.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Ient and Lai Yuk-tai.
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Omar.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Fraser and Carley.

Second Division
Police v Service Corps (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Silva.
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Fraser.

Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Ip.
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Foster.

7th R.A. v Ordnance (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Crosby.
Kit Chee v 12th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Ford.

Third Division
University v 20th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Copsey.
965th R.A. v 12th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Thorley.
24th R.A. v Medicals (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Barretto.
7th R.A. v Signals (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Dammee.
Pung Ngai v Shell (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Taylor.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

First Division
Royal Scots v Navy (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Smith.
Linesmen:—Messrs. P. W. Sze and B. T. Lee.

South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Glover.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Williamson and Wilson.

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Royal Scots v Signals (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Behnd.
South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Banham.

Third Division
30th R.A. v 36th R.A. (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Adams.
Air Force v Service Corps (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Baker.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Second Division
Sing Tao v South China (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
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Engineers v Kwong Wah (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
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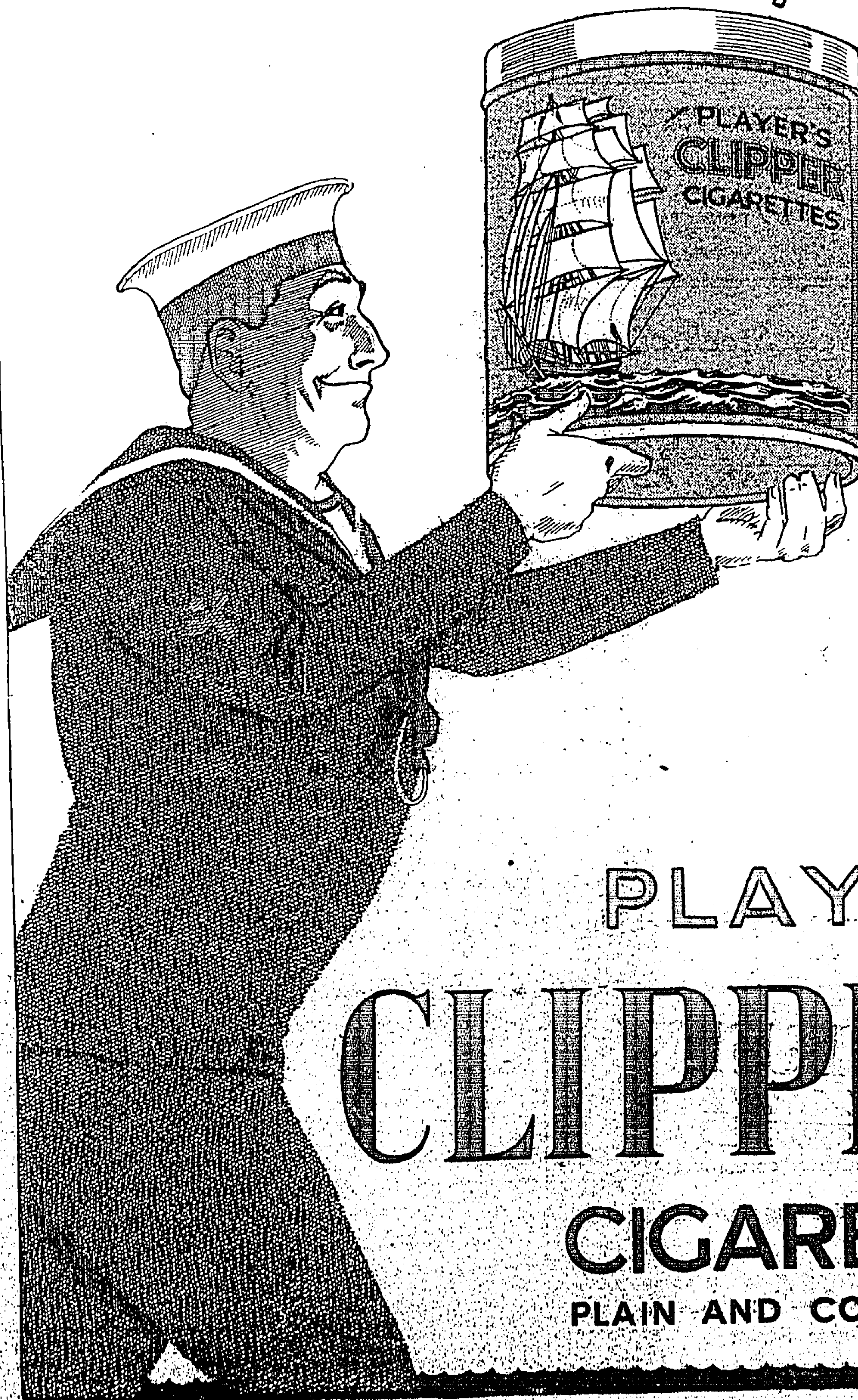
Pung Ngai v Air Force (Prince Edward Rd., 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Pike.

Signals v Lanford (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Ient.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Third Division
Shell v Service Corps (St. Joseph's, 5.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Y. T. Lai.

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BRITISH SUBMARINE LOST

"The Board of Admiralty regret to announce that H.M. submarine P32 (Lt. D. A. B. Abdy) is overdue and must be considered lost. Next of kin have been informed," says an Admiralty communique issued in London last night.—Reuter.

LARDER OF DEMOCRACY

The New York "Daily News" is running a series of articles by its own correspondent, Grace Robinson, revealing the enormous upswing in food production in the Mid-Western States.

The first article was headed "Isolationist states help win British food war." This investigation tour of the big five defence food states

Tobruk Under Heavy Shellfire

THE SWAYING BATTLE IN THE LIBYAN - EGYPTIAN FRONTIER AREAS WHICH FOLLOWED THE GERMAN ATTACK WAS DESCRIBED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

It was stated that after the initial enemy attack had been repulsed the British forces returned to their original line.

Bringing up 20 tanks the enemy made another attack which forced the British back between six and seven miles.

Heavy Shelling

But by nightfall the British were again back in their original positions. Five enemy tanks were destroyed.

The enemy's action has apparently been in the nature of a reconnaissance in force, with the idea of bombarding the frontier and at Tobruk to "lay out the land" but there is no indication of preparation for an immediate operation by the enemy on a large scale.

proved that nervous New Yorkers need not worry about war-time pantries.

The English likewise may know that pork, canned tomatoes and evaporated milk from America will not fail them.

The American farmer has done a remarkable job in speeding up food production, the article says.—Reuter.

Yesterday's British G.H.Q. communique from Cairo stated: "Following our raids from Tobruk the enemy shelling of our forward positions is still heavy in the east but has decreased against the south and west sectors."

"In the frontier area advanced elements of British and South African mechanised forces are continuing their patrolling activities."

"In the Gondar area the last remnants of the Italian army in Abyssinia have been invested since the capture of the main enemy forces and weather conditions have now permitted a resumption of our offensive activities."

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R.A.F. SWOOP ON BETHUNE

Two squadrons of Blenheim bombers escorted by a strong formation of fighters attacked the power plant at Mazingarbe, near Bethune, yesterday afternoon.

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON THAT BOMBS WERE SEEN TO HIT THE TARGET AND FIRES WERE STARTED.

German fighters attempted to prevent the attack but failed. At least six German fighters are known to have been destroyed.

One Blenheim bomber and seven British fighters were lost but one British fighter pilot was later rescued from the sea by the R.A.F. Sea Rescue Service.

German fighters attempted to interfere with the rescue operation but were driven off by British fighter patrols, one German plane being shot down.

Observers along the English Channel state that the weather was excellent with remarkably clear visibility when the British planes raced across to the French coast.

Sky Full Of 'Planes

Another big force swept across the French coast last evening.

The sky was described as being full of Spitfires and Hurricanes, some flying at a great height. Other fighters, however, were only just above sea-level.

Shortly afterwards heavy explosions were heard from the French coast.—Reuter.

Reprisal Raids Demand

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] THE FIRST AXIS AIR RAID ON CAIRO, IN WHICH 39 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED, HAS RAISED THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE BRITISH REPRISALS AGAINST ROME. AS BOTH CITIES ARE REGARDED AS PRIZED RELICS OF ANTIQUITY.

Britain, during the Greek war, warned of a possible reprisal against Rome if Athens were bombed.

The London newspapers yesterday demanded raids on Rome as reprisal for the attack on Cairo.—International News Service.

NO DAY VISITORS

The Ministry of Home Security states that during daylight yesterday there was nothing to report.—British Wireless.

R.A.F. IN ACTION IN RUSSIA

The R.A.F. Wing now in Russia under the strategic command of Russian headquarters has already been in contact with the Germans, it was learned in London yesterday.

Of hundreds of British machines sent a large number have already arrived.—Reuter.

V.C. AIRMAN MISSING

A young New Zealand sergeant, James Allen Ward, who recently won the V.C., is reported missing.

His Wellington bomber from No. 75. New Zealand Bomber Squadron did not return from a recent attack on Germany.

The bomber took off a few minutes after 8 o'clock and nothing was heard from it after a signal at a time when it was almost certain that the target had been reached.

A few weeks ago Sergeant Ward was made captain of a Wellington and given a brood of sergeants. They had already made one attack together, against battle cruisers at Brest, on the night of September 13. They were an experienced crew and most of them had made as many as 22 operational flights. They were in fact the crew with whom Ward had come to his squadron from the operational training unit.

It was as second pilot that he was awarded the V.C. in July. After an attack on Muenster he had climbed out on to the wing of his bomber when flying at 13,000 feet over the North Sea in an effort put out a fire which enemy fighters' bullets had started.

This was on his seventh operational flight. Ward was shortly to have received his award from the King.—British Wireless.

AN EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING PICTURE OF THE GENERAL DEFENSIVE POSITION IN THE AREA OF WHICH SINGAPORE IS THE STRATEGIC CENTRE WAS GIVEN AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE BY SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, C-IN-C. FAR EAST, AND ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, C-IN-C. CHINA STATION, IN SINGAPORE YESTERDAY.

Sir Robert said they were not afraid of the blockade threat. They had ample reserves of food and ammunition. He did not think any blockade was tenable as long as six months but even within that time they were fully able to break it—even without the assistance of the U.S. Navy.

Questioned concerning his recent visit to the N.E.I., Sir Robert said that from what he had seen, he was perfectly satisfied the N.E.I. would put up a perfectly good show if called on to do so—they were not going about treading on people's corns but if attacked the N.E.I. were fully determined to give a good account of themselves.

Asked if there had been Staff talks with the N.E.I. or any tacit arrangements, Sir Robert said he had nothing to add to what he had stated in a previous interview, namely, that in a huge arc from Burma to Australia what happened in any part of the area affected the rest of it.

"YOU CAN'T SEPARATE ANY OF THESE COUNTRIES," HE DECLARED.

Assistance To N.E.I.

Asked if Malaya would immediately move to the assistance of the N.E.I. if the latter were attacked, Sir Robert said he would act on instructions from Whitehall whose decisions would be accelerated as a result of the labours of Mr. Duff-Cooper.

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THREE JAPANESE SHOT

On the eve of the anniversary of the Mukden Incident, terrorists ran wild in the International Settlement in Shanghai last night when there were three shooting incidents within three hours.

The night's toll was three Japanese civilians wounded, though not seriously, one Chinese killed and one Chinese wounded.

As a result of the shootings the Settlement to-day is strongly barricaded and very strict searches are proceeding at strategic corners.

Meanwhile, in observance of the anniversary, all cinemas, foreign and Chinese, and amusement resorts have decided to close all day.

TWO OF THE THREE JAPANESE WOUNDED LAST NIGHT WERE SHOT IN NANKING ROAD, SHANGHAI'S MAIN STREET. THE TWO CHINESE WHO FIRED THE SHOTS ESCAPED.

These were the first attempts on Japanese in the unoccupied southern part of the International Settlement in months.—Reuter.

International News gives the names of the Japanese as Toshichi Kimura and Sosaka Suzuki (who were shot while walking in Nanking Road) and Minora Fukuyama, a Customs employee, who was shot in Szechuen Road, off Nanking Road.

U.S. NAVY CONVOYS REVEALED

The United States Navy is now employing convoys to ensure the safe arrival of Lease and Lend goods in Britain.

THIS WAS REVEALED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT BY COL. FRANK KNOX, SECRETARY OF NAVY.

Speaking at his press conference, Col. Knox declared: "The escort of convoys by combatant vessels is only one of many methods that can and are being used."

Emphasizing that since the fact war many more methods of safeguarding shipping have been developed, he said the United States "is employing them all." Asked whether U.S. warships were escorting vessels to Iceland and there passing them on to the British Navy's care, Col. Knox said it would be "unwise and indiscreet" to go into details.—Reuter.



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Two Cabinet Ministers, namely Lord Simon, Lord Chancellor, and Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, attended the conference together with two ex-Ministers, namely, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, former Minister of War, and Mr. Leslie Burgin, former Minister for Transport.

Lord Teviot, moving the resolution, said: "Uppermost in our minds now is how we can best help the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, and how we can best help those gallant men and women who have come from all parts of the Empire to tackle the frightful tragedy foisted upon the world by that super-Satan, Hitler."

The ex-War Minister, Mr. Hore-Belisha, supporting the resolution, expressed the hope that the Atlantic Charter signed by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt, would be a prelude to the adoption of common citizenships between Britain and America. He added: "If we can replace the Declaration of Independence by a Declaration of Inter-Independence we shall have laid the firmest foundation for permanent peace in the whole world." — Reuter.

MAMANTOFF MURDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Tsang Sing-ou, arrested by the French police in Shanghai yesterday, confessed he was a "go-between" in the murder last Sunday of Serge Mamantoff, former Russian newspaperman.

Tsang told the police he received \$300 to find a man to murder Mamantoff and was promised an additional \$2,000 if the attempt was successful.

Meanwhile the police are holding numerous other Chinese suspects believed to be connected with the crime, as well as Eugene Hovans, Russian actor. — International News Service.

LAMOTTE PICQUET RUMOUR

FORMALLY DENYING REPORTS EMANATING FROM CHUNGKING, THE INDO-CHINA GOVERNMENT-GENERAL YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT THE VOYAGE OF THE CRUISER LAMOTTE PICQUET TO JAPAN IS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE FRANCO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

The cruiser left Saigon recently for Osaka for repairs and dry docking, as facilities are lacking in Indo-China.

The Lamotte Picquet, major French warship in the Far East, played a decisive part in the main naval engagement of the Thai-Indo-China war. — Reuter.

A memorial service for the late Professor Hsu Ti-shan, of Hong Kong University, will be held by local cultural organisations at the Confucian Hall on Sunday, at 3 p.m.

GERMAN N.C.O. DIES OF PARIS WOUNDS

A German N.C.O. who was gravely wounded by someone unknown on Tuesday night near the Paris Gare de l'Est died yesterday morning, says the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

WOMEN WANT TO ENTER DIPLOMACY

The Foreign Secretary yesterday received a deputation which urged him to reconsider the decision to exclude women from entering the Diplomatic Service. While making no promises Mr. Eden undertook to consider the views put forward by the deputation and to communicate with them again. — British Wireless.

JAPANESE ADMIT ERRING BY TRUST IN NAZI MIGHT

(By Joseph Newman)

JAPANESE ADMIT, although reluctantly, that they miscalculated in estimating developments in the Soviet-German war and, therefore, in underestimating the price they would have to pay for the occupation of Indo-China.

They are not, however, to be blamed entirely for the mistake, which was due to the fact that they placed so much confidence in the judgment of Adolf Hitler and the strength of the Nazi armies, and accepted without question the time schedule provided by Berlin for the defeat of the Russian Army and the downfall of the Stalin government.

Having based their policies on the assumption of a swift Nazi victory which would make possible an attempt to invade England by autumn, Japan's foreign policy since the outbreak of the Russo-German war has not been working out as expected and some changes are anticipated.

It is fair to assume that Japan preferred to await American participation in the European war before moving into Indo-China because it was pointed out that American involvement against the Nazis would ease American pressure against Japan.

Outbreak Of War

The outbreak of the Russo-German war in the opinion of Japanese served to postpone rather than accelerate American participation, thereby interfering with Japan's original plan. Lieutenant Commander Tata Ishimaru, Japanese military expert, pointed out that Germany let Japan down in attacking Russia, by making it possible for the democracies to strengthen their position to the point where it is possible for Britain to release part of her fleet in home waters for operations in the Far East.

But the Germans assured Japan that the temporary disruption of the tripartite alliance would be repaired speedily through a crushing defeat of Russia, following which Germany would be in a position to concentrate her entire strength for the destruction of England. Such developments, Tokyo was informed, would make it necessary for even greater units of the American fleet to be transferred from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Immediately after the outbreak of the war German officials let it be known that they expected to be in Moscow in about two weeks. That estimate was taken seriously here at the time, just as it was in America and England. Plans were made accordingly. The Germans failed Japan again when they ex-

tended the time necessary for a Russian defeat to about four weeks.

Taking Advantage

In the meantime, it became clear that the democracies, taking advantage of the breathing spell afforded by the Russo-German war, were strengthening their position in the South Sea area. America continued to increase shipments of arms and planes to China and other strategic positions in the Far East, while Britain increased her forces at Singapore.

Japanese believed that if this continued they would lose control of Indo-China either through an internal change, made possible by the stronger position held by the democracies, or by repetition of developments that took place in Syria. They decided, therefore, to lose no time while their position was intact both in Indo-China and Vichy, to conclude a mutual defence pact which would protect Japan's southern line while the country awaited a German victory in the north.

The Press

The press indicated that many officials now expect a long-drawn-out war between Germany and Russia and, therefore, they must consider the possibility of a German defeat and a victory for the democracies and Russia. In view of such possibilities, it is considered unlikely that Japan can move in either direction at present. She must bear the pressure from the democracies as best she can.

Well informed observers do not believe Japan will risk a war against the democracies in an attempt to break through their blockade at a time when the latter can concentrate their forces in the Far East and possibly secure the support of Russia in the north.

Japan's policy, for the present, appears to be one which would lead to closer economic relations with Russia, especially in an attempt to secure greater supplies of oil to replace quantities shut off by the democracies and at the same time prevent organisation of a joint Anglo-American-Soviet bloc in the north, directed against Japan.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN R.A.F. RAID ON BETHUNE

VERY CONSIDERABLE damage was caused when the R.A.F., as reported earlier, carried out a raid on the power plant at Mazingarbe, near Bethune, yesterday afternoon.

The Air Ministry news service says the plant is an important one, having batteries of coke ovens and plant for the production of synthetic ammonia, synthetic petrol, alcohol, benzol, methanol and ether, together with a thermic power station.

The attack was delivered in two parts in quick succession to each other. The first wave of Blenheims had hardly delivered their bombs before the second wave was ready.

Continuous explosions appeared to come from over the entire works — one explosion every few seconds.

One large fire was seen to take hold in the centre of the works, where bombs exploded on a large container.

All In Flames

Describing this one pilot said: "I saw what appeared to be gas containers blow up. The top blew off and the sides fell away. It was all in flames."

The efforts of German fighters to pierce the screen of British fighters and stop the bombers failed and the bombers observed fires still spreading when they left. — Reuter.

NAZI SPY TRIAL

A German-born United States Government informer, William Seboid, gave evidence yesterday before the Federal Court in New York in the trial of members of the alleged Nazi spy ring.

He said five months before the occupation of Iceland was announced a German agent told him that 30,000 American soldiers and 4,000 officers would be sent to Greenland and Iceland.

Seboid also stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had intercepted most of the money sent to the United States for German spies. As a result spies often complained of the poor pay. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI TRAM STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") SHANGHAI'S TRAM STRIKE WHICH STARTED SUDDENLY YESTERDAY MORNING, WAS SETTLED FOLLOWING POLICE MEDIATION ONLY TO BE RESUMED LATER IN THE DAY. Five workers were arrested after a settlement had been reached, whereupon the entire staff again walked out and the situation is still deadlocked.

The Settlement tram strike was settled after a six-hour stoppage and the service has now returned to normal. — International News Service.

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All plans for all eventualities were carefully considered and complete agreement on all points existed between Mr. Eden and M. Maisky, Russian Ambassador in London, whose attitude is officially described as having been most "helpful." — Reuter.

EX-A.D.C. HAD NEARLY TREBLE MEAT RATION

COL. HENRY ALBERT BARCLAY, C.V.O., M.V.O., WHO WAS A.D.C. TO KING EDWARD VII AND KING GEORGE V, WAS FINED £6 AT CROMER, NORFOLK, FOR OBTAINING NEARLY THREE TIMES HIS MEAT RATION.

In a statement to the Food Control Office, Colonel Barclay wrote, enclosing a doctor's certificate, that he should have more meat than the ration owing to ill-health.

The butcher who supplied him, Sydney, Lyn, of Church-square, was fined £9.

Soviet Smashes Attempt To Take Islands In Gulf

EASTERN FRONT ANALYSIS

(By "Annalist")

The German communique yesterday made a revealing statement although it does not constitute a claim.

It said that in the east, offensive actions are developing into one operation on a very big scale.

This bears out the Russian communique, which again speaks of stubborn fighting along the whole front.

The testimony of both Russians and Germans, therefore, is in agreement, mainly that the fierce German onslaught is matched by stubborn Russian resistance.

Thus, after 80 days of fighting, both sides are still straining for victory and neither can claim any major or decisive battles. — Reuter.

Less Than Justice

But this bald analysis of the position does less than justice to the Soviet defence. In order to appreciate the measures of their success it is only necessary to quote the bulletins of the German High Command after the first fortnight and three weeks of war.

The road was stated to be open to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev while the Russian forces were described as a disorganised rabble without leadership and co-ordination.

These reports of the High Command were not propaganda fairy tales issued by Goebbels' loud-speakers. They are the most damning evidence of the unreliability of the German bulletins.

Stupendous Effort

It is clear that desperate fighting is still proceeding. The German effort undoubtedly has been stupendous but it has been matched by the Soviet resistance and losses on both sides have been astronomical.

But the Russian is fighting for his hearth and home. The German soldier, if he does think at all, must be asking himself: Why all this sacrifice?

Certainly people in Germany are beginning to murmur and show their anxiety.

Most significant feature of yesterday's news was the claim made in unofficial Soviet quarters to have scored another big success in the Smolensk area near Yartev, near Yelnya, where they won a big battle last week.

From a strategical viewpoint the fighting in this central zone is by far the most important. — Reuter.

GROWING INTENSITY OF BATTLE

According to latest reports from Moscow the battle for Leningrad is growing in intensity with the Germans increasing their pressure and the Russians stiffening their defences on land and sea and in the air.

Reports describe the recapture by the Red Army of a village on a cross roads leading to Leningrad. The battle was fierce in character.

SEVERE GERMAN LOSSES IN VAIN

(By Reuter's Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

THE IMPORTANCE of the Soviet victory in smashing a German attempt to land forces on the Soviet-held islands of Ezel and Moon, at the entrance of Riga Bay and partly commanding the Gulf of Finland, is emphasised by the promotion yesterday of Major-General of the coastal defences Alexis Yeliseev to the rank of Lieutenant-General.

It was he who commanded various sections of the Soviet Baltic Navy concerned in beating off the Germans.

While the Soviets hold Ezel and other islands in the same group stretching north and south across the entrance of Riga Bay, it not only means that a German move into the Finnish Gulf would be very difficult but also that German possession of Riga naval base is practically valueless.

A despatch describing the German attempt states that the first expedition which tried to approach the islands at dawn on Saturday was beaten off after only a four-hour battle.

The second effort, however, which began on Sunday with a much larger number of smaller vessels, lasted until Tuesday and some German forces at one time succeeded in getting a foothold before being thrown back into the sea.

Transports Sunk

Aboard each of the six transports used on Saturday, of which four were sunk, were up to 2,500 Germans.

They were protected by eight destroyers, of which one was sunk, and eleven motor torpedo-boats, of which ten were sunk.

The second effort was made from neighbouring ports on the mainland. The Germans lost one large and many small transports. THE LAND BATTLE AFTER SOME OF THE GERMANS HAD SUCCEEDED IN LANDING WAS VERY BITTER. EVERY YARD

SUPPLY SHIPS FOR U.S. NAVAL BASES

Rear-Admiral Adolphus Andrews, Commandant of the 3rd Naval District, announced in New York yesterday that the U.S. Navy has arranged to use 17 merchantmen as supply ships to naval bases outside the continental United States.

Several have been put into service and the remainder will be ready shortly. All the ships will be manned with civilian crews. — Reuter.

as the Germans had planned to launch a powerful new thrust from the village.

Naval artillery gave support to land forces who stormed the enemy positions with no regard for themselves. The village was recaptured after very heavy losses had been inflicted on the Nazis.

The enemy is reported to be hurling in new forces and concentrating vast curtains of fire in order to break the resistance of the defenders.

Battle is also reported to be engaging on the distant sea approaches to Leningrad where the Germans are repeatedly attempting to capture Oesel and other islands controlling Riga Bay and the southern entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

After a four-hour battle last Saturday the Russians sank four to six enemy transports, one destroyer, ten cutters and many small ships. The ships comprising the raiding fleet fled.

Parachutists were used in another unsuccessful attack. — British Wireless.

WAS CONTESTED.

Several thousand Germans were killed in this second operation, making the total for both attempts extremely costly. — Reuter.

AMERICA FINANCING SOVIET ORDERS

It was officially announced yesterday that the United States is providing \$100,000,000 for Russia to purchase war material in the United States, says Reuter.

ADOLF PEEVED

Hitler has been trying lately to show contempt for English gentlemen but when writing "Mein Kampf" he thought them wonderful, and probably still does, says the "New Yorker."

We have an idea the aristocratic bad manners of the British were what drove him to the Russian campaign.

The Fuehrer could stand plenty but when Mr. Churchill spoke of him, publicly as a "bloody guttersnipe" he blew up, more at the noun than the adjective, and flung his armies against the Soviet trying to promote a crusade to save Christian gentility! — Reuter.

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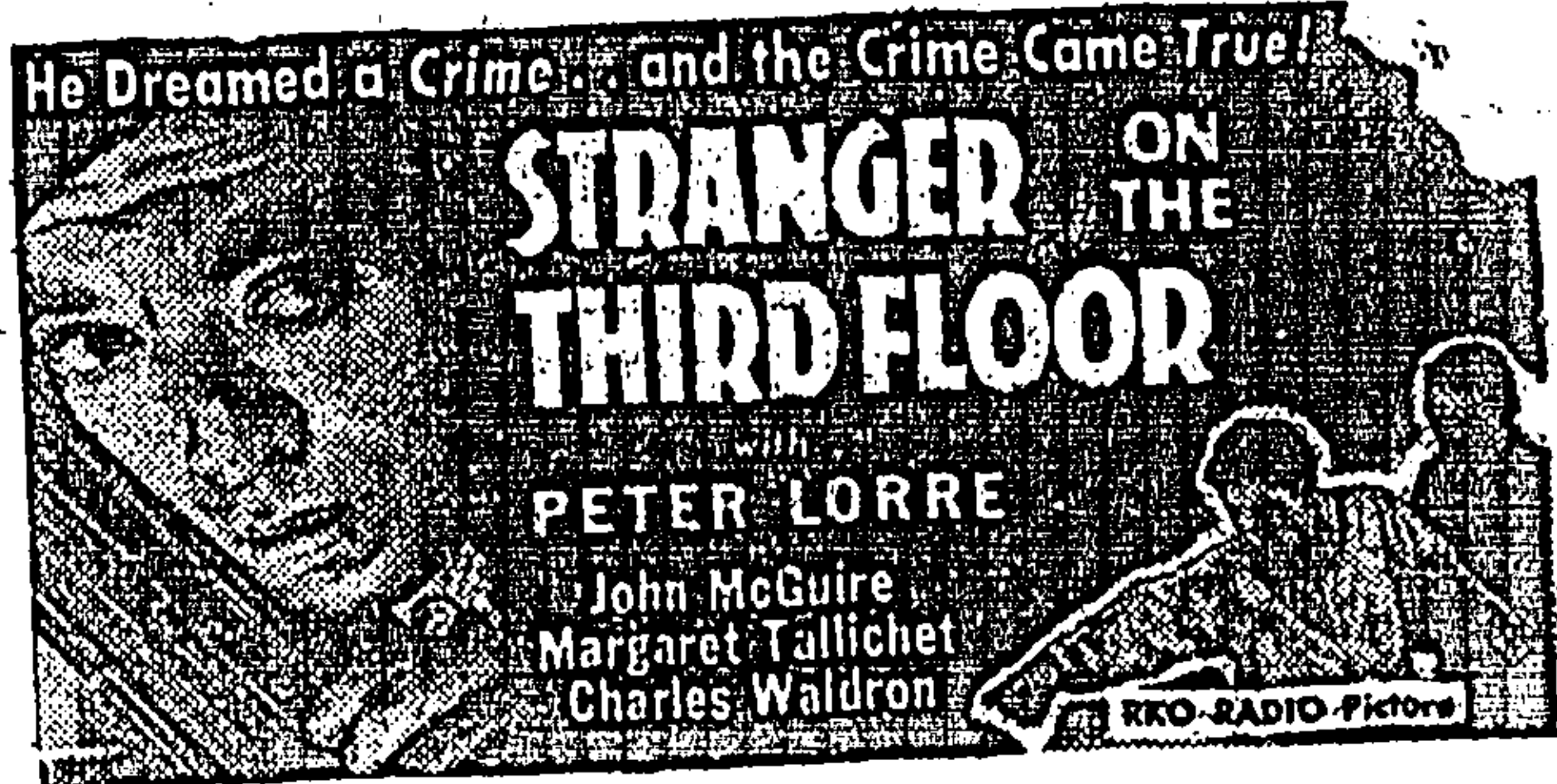
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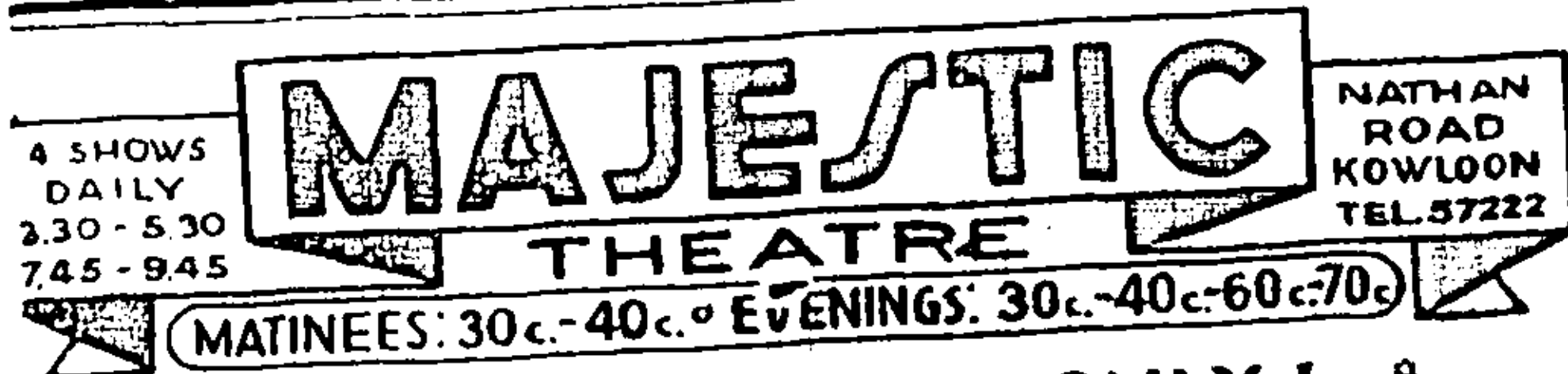


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Soviet's Victory In Yartsevo Area

THE VITAL IMPORTANCE of Marshal Timoshenko's victory at Yartsevo, 35 miles north-east of Smolensk, as reported earlier by Reuter, was emphasised by General Rokossovski in an article in the "Izvestia" yesterday.

In this article the General makes it clear that the recapture of Yartsevo and Yelnia, roughly 30 miles south-east of Smolensk, has destroyed the German hope of a further drive on Moscow from this sector.

In addition, the Moscow radio announces that following this victory, Soviet troops are now in a position to invest Smolensk.

In explaining this battle, which is one of the most important of the war on the Eastern Front, General Rokossovski says that a German tank division succeeded in invading the town of Yartsevo by a sudden thrust some six weeks ago, with the object of developing an offensive through this town and reaching Moscow by the shortest route which is a straight motor road.

On Defensive

"The resistance of our numerically small troops in this area managed to stem the enemy's advance. The German Command, having lost a large number of tanks and men near Yartsevo, was forced to take the defensive in order to bring up reinforcements before resuming the offensive.

"By several strong counter-blows, our troops not only foiled the second German offensive, but totally routed a German tank division, throwing the enemy back from Yartsevo, and occupied the entire eastern bank of the River Vop."

The General says: "The Nazis realised they would not reach Moscow by way of Yartsevo and decided to skirt the town and probe for the weak spots in our defences against their thrust on Moscow.

"They brought up three infantry divisions with large numbers of tanks and artillery for shelling Smolensk, and ensuring the concentrations of their main forces in the Yelnia area.

Tanks In Reserve

"They created a system of fortifications on the western bank of the River Vop. Large reserves of tanks were concentrated in this region.

"We waited until August when, in order to relieve their troops which were suffering heavy reverses in the Yelnia area, the Germans resolved to bring up their reserves stationed south and east of Smolensk. This was the signal for our troops in the Yartsevo area to march.

"Our first offensive came as a surprise to the Germans, and on the night of August 31, our troops forced the River Vop and deployed for an attack.

"Preceded by an artillery barrage, our troops broke the enemy's resistance and advance lines. They penetrated deep into his defences. The Germans met our advance with mine throwers and machine-gun fire, but it was too late.

"Soviet infantry were stubbornly pressing forward. Abandoning his arms, the enemy was forced to retreat and bring up his reinforcements."

10,000 Casualties

The General says that "by the end of the third day, the Germans outnumbered us considerably. Fearing the Soviet troops might break through German Headquarters, they also hurried into this sector part of their reserves intended for Yelnia, but Soviet infantry forced the Germans to retreat steadily westwards.

"As the result of eight days of fighting at Yartsevo, the Nazis lost no less than 10,000 killed and wounded. Our troops captured 12 guns, 30 mine throwers, some 50 machine-guns and 100,000 cartridges, several thousand shells and a considerable amount of other arms and equipment.

"We destroyed 100 guns, 100 mine throwers and about 150 machine-guns," the Russian general says.—Reuter.

SHIPS RE-FLOATED

ALL THE SHIPS WHICH WERE SWEEP AGROUND BY THE TYPHOON ON TUESDAY HAVE BEEN RE-FLOATED, EXCEPT THE LARGE VESSEL WHICH WENT ASHORE ON GREEN ISLAND. IT WAS LEARNED THIS MORNING.

It is also learned that a river-boat, Kwong Ming, has been reported aground at Rock Point, outside the Harbour, and is expected to be refloated to-day. There were no persons on board the ship when Police and Naval patrols visited the ship yesterday.

The new ship which was driven ashore at North Point on Tuesday by the gale apparently suffered no damage at all having been re-floated yesterday.

FLYING VISIT

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANADA, HAS ARRIVED IN LONDON FOR IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DOMINIONS OFFICE.

Mr. MacDonald made the Atlantic crossing at the week-end in the same bomber as the Duke of Kent.

This is Mr. MacDonald's first visit since he took up his duties in Canada and he is expected to return shortly.—Reuter.

Bengal Crisis Averted

What appeared to be an impending parliamentary crisis in Bengal has been temporarily averted.

Following the recent demands for the resignation of the Premiers of Bengal, Assam and the Punjab from the Viceroy's National Defence Council, which were made by the Executive Council of the All-India Muslim League, Fazul Huq, the Bengal Premier, obeyed the League mandate and resigned from the Defence Council but also resigned from the League Executive Council.

This action was followed by demonstrations and counter-demonstrations in Bengal. Six motions of no-confidence were passed in the legislature against the Finance Minister before the House adjourned until September 18.

Supporters of the Premier and other party leaders have sent letters to the Governor expressing want of confidence in the Finance Minister.

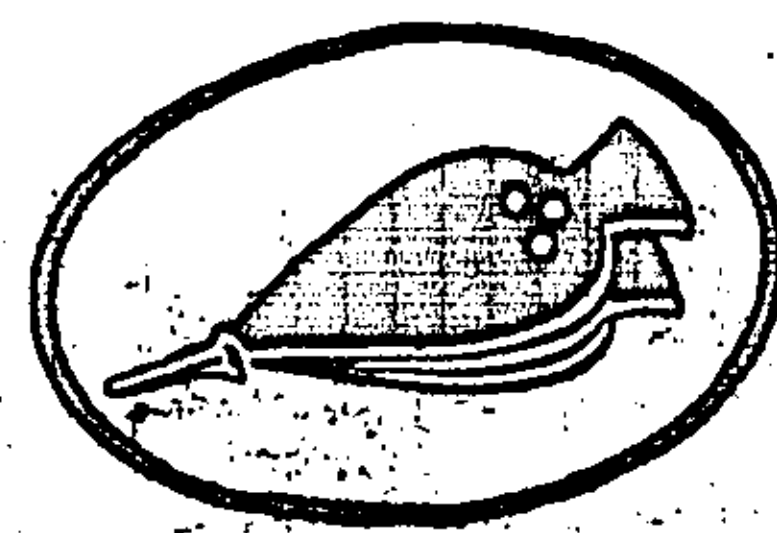
Party Conference

The Governor called a conference of party leaders to consider the situation and told them he will prorogue the Assembly when it meets to-day in accordance with his previous decision.

The Assembly will be summoned again in November when fresh non-confidence motions will have to be brought, as those to which notice has already been given will have lapsed.—Reuter.

THE WAY OF THE HUN

All Polish girls between the ages of 12 and 18 have been ordered to register for forced labour.



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DUKE OF KENT ON HIS CANADIAN TOUR

OBLIGATIONS TO RUSSIA

Speaking of the Australian Commonwealth's obligations to Russia, Mr. A. W. Fadden, the new Prime Minister of Australia, said: "It is clear that the Soviet Union needs more than the material support that the United States and the British Empire can offer."

"Australia has obligations to her Russian ally. We are bound by our own security as well as by our honour to give her this help. There should be no slackening. The respite we have gained by Russia's resistance will provide us

with a chance to fill up the gap in our own defence requirements." Speaking in London, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, a so referred to the help that Britain is giving to Russia and the help that the Russian resistance was giving to the common cause.

"Everything that now reaches Vladivostok," he said, "is for the use of Russia and Germany, who used to get supplies through this channel, had forfeited that opportunity by reason of her attack on the Soviet Union."—Reuter.

"Two years ago it was a plan. To-day it is a vital war industry which combines the advantages of mass production with the most skillful selection and individual training."

"Training aerodromes are being built everywhere. Airmen are now passing out from the schools not in ones and twos but literally in thousands."

They came, said the Duke, from all parts of the Empire and there was "an encouraging and growing number of young men from the United States and from South America."

"The magnificent spirit and resolution of the whole Canadian peoples has impressed me deeply," he declared.

Great Partnership

"This is a great partnership," he continued. "We are all contributing to it in our own ways but it is Canada who is responsible for the administration of the plan and Canada can therefore take special pride in its outstanding success."

The Duke said he had seen Canada's busy factories and shipyards, her naval establishments on both the Pacific and Atlantic and her great military camps.

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Freedom's Sake

"It may be because I have been in the New World for the past few weeks that I am able to separate my thoughts temporarily at least from the tragic events of the present and to look forward to the day when the whole world will once more be pursuing the paths of peace."

"I believe that out of this conflict there is surely being born a friendship and union of those people who cherish freedom for freedom's sake."

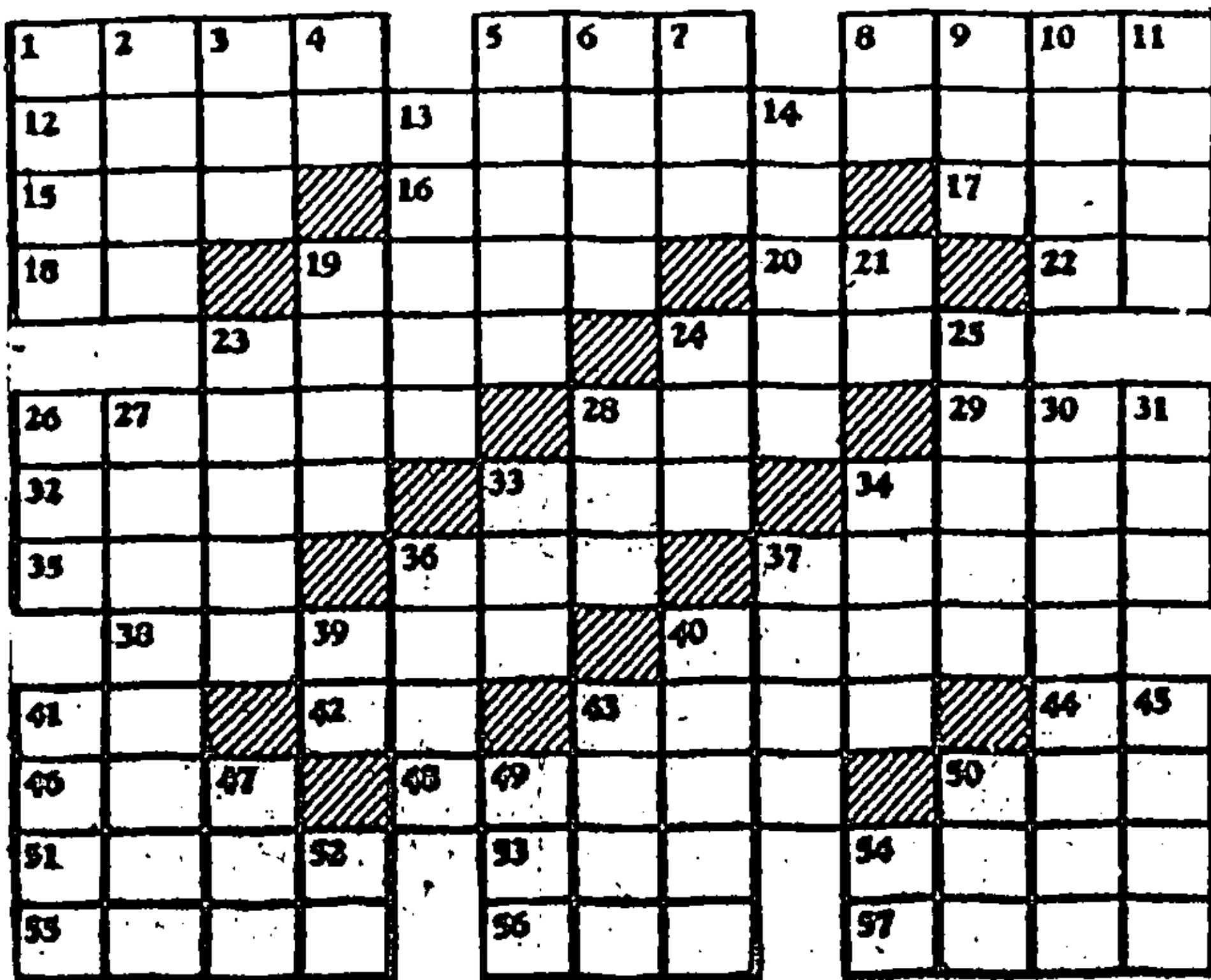
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- 18 Negative
- 19 To deceive
- 20 To act
- 22 Artificial language
- 23 Short
- 24 Slang: burglar
- 26 Swiftly
- 28 Hindu weight
- 29 Exist
- 32 Sagged
- 33 To perturb
- 34 Aluminium sulphate
- 35 The self
- 36 Firearm
- 37 Scheme
- 38 Norse sea god
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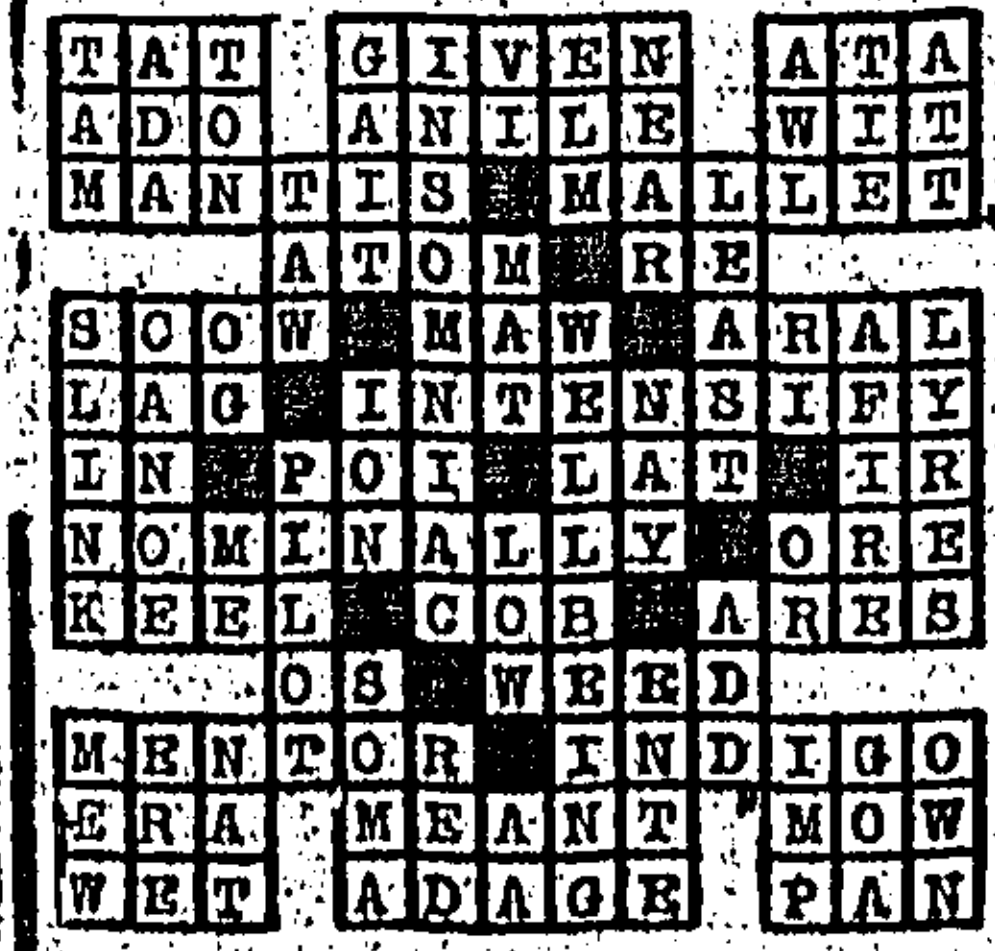
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- 1 To extend over
- 2 Therefore
- 3 Mound
- 4 Part of "to be"
- 5 To take as one's own
- 6 To plunge
- 7 Devoured
- 8 Preposition
- 9 Wire measure

10 Male swine

- 11 Preposition
- 13 To come into operation
- 14 Tree of birch family
- 16 Swimming bird
- 21 King of Bashan
- 23 Small boat
- 24 Japanese monetary unit
- 25 Ancient dance
- 26 Ibsen character
- 27 Heathenism
- 28 Male offspring
- 30 Pitiless
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- 33 Mongrel
- 34 Confederate
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AMERICAN VIEW OF HONG KONG'S POSITION

WITH JAPANESE warcraft and troops based at Camranh Bay, Indo-China, 600 miles away, the preparations for the defence of strategic Hong Kong became a matter of major import to the British Empire's position in the Far East.

Hong Kong, the "Island of Fragrant Streams," is one of the most heavily populated centres in the world.

Roads snaking through the hills are being improved to enable the swift movement of troops and materials. Defence works are being strengthened, greater supplies of food conserved, air raid tunnels burrowed deeper into the hills, and numerous other emergency measures taken.

3,000 Fire-Watchers

A new Air Raid Precaution section consisting of 3,000 fire-watchers is being formed, while special street guards are being enrolled to check sabotage and other "fifth column" activity in the event of war.

Colony residents foresee appalling devastation if bombs should fall in the densely populated tenement sections of Hong Kong. Some of these areas contain more inhabitants to the square mile than any other part of the world. In many cases, whole families share a single room, and many thousands of people sleep in the streets.

Whole blocks of buildings are highly inflammable, and authorities foresee a serious problem of internal security if more homeless thousands should be left wandering about the streets.

Although building of air raid tunnels and other shelters is proceeding apace, only a fraction of the colony's population—at most 100,000 out of an estimated 1,600,000 inhabitants—could be accommodated just now.

To test the ventilation system in a newly completed air raid tunnel, A.R.P. authorities devised a practical method by hiring 3,000 coolies to spend three hours inside. They were paid a little less than four cents a man.

One unexpected effect of the tunneling near Government House—Hong Kong's "White House"—has been the damage to the building. Cracks have appeared in the walls and beams have been installed to prop up the 80-year-old structure.

Strict Immigration Rule

Strict immigration rules are being enforced and news which might be of value to an enemy is censored. Not a single Englishwoman may enter the colony without official approval; and evasions of the ban against the return of women removed last year to Australia have been made well nigh impossible.

But most Britons in the colony, realising what their mother country is going through, consider themselves lucky—at least for the present.

Almost the most serious inconveniences are special but very moderate wartime taxation; rising prices which are beginning to reach an ever-widening section of the public, and shortages in certain classes of luxury goods.

Most observers agree that Britain has two alternatives if Hong Kong should be threatened. One would be to surrender the colony without a fight but with a blow to British prestige; the other would be to fight against heavy odds, trying to keep sea communications with Singapore open—across the waters threatened by Japan from the Indo-China coast.

Hong Kong's avowed policy, as emphasised by Britain's Far Eastern defence chief, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, is to make every man and woman play a part in safeguarding the colony.

Food Major Problem

In some ways, the position of Hong Kong Island—as related to the other islands and the mainland territory comprising the

colony—would resemble that of England in relation to the European Continent.

The island giving the colony its name, Hong Kong, is 32 square miles in area. It is the second largest in the archipelago which, together with the mainland territory, gives the colony a total area of 391 square miles.

A land attack on Hong Kong would have to come from the Japanese-occupied area beyond the new territories into which the Japanese would be able to mass all the troops they might consider necessary. Well-sown mine fields and big fortress guns are expected to keep any enemy warships at a respectable distance.

Among the main problems in the defence of Hong Kong would be feeding the huge population, vulnerability to air attacks, and the possibility of "fifth column" activity.

The colony's garrison is composed principally of British regulars and Indian native troops, supplemented by a sizable body of volunteers, mostly British with a good sprinkling of Portuguese and Chinese.—Associated Press.

THEY GOT D.F.C. AND TWO M.E.S

Two of 20 German fighters destroyed during an R.A.F. bombing raid on Northern France were shot down by two pilots who were celebrating the award of the D.F.C. earlier in the day.

Eight of our fighters are missing, but the pilot of one of them is safe.

Main object of the sweep was the power station near Reims. Many direct hits were scored with heavy bombs on this plant.

Nazi fighters tried to intercept our bombers, but they were relentlessly driven off.

Five of the enemy machines were sent crashing by one squadron of our fighter escort. Another was brought down by one of our bombers, all of which returned home.

A British pilot who baled out of his falling plane was seen to go into the Channel.

The R.A.F. Sea Rescue Service was in action at once. Fighters circled the spot to protect the pilot and launches.

Two Spitfires were pounced on by six ME. 109s. They turned to the attack. One pilot destroyed one of the MEs which burst into flames and dived into the sea.

Just as it hit the water two others got on our pilot's tail. He evaded them and, as they over-shot, he fired. He saw bits flying from both of them.

They made off for France, and the pilot, who saw that the pilot below had been picked out of the water, went back to his base.

The squadron which shot down five merely reported: "We came back with the bombers and came across various 109s. Several dog-fights ensued."

WOP 'PLANE, HUN BOMBS, RUM CREW

Moscow radio told of a bomber plane brought down on the Bessarabian front.

It was found to be of Italian manufacture, equipped with German bombs, and carrying a Rumanian crew.

PRIVATE'S NEW BOMB "BASKET"

Private Robert R. Stubbs of Macdill Field Florida, U.S.A., has received public commendation from his commanding officer for his invention of a bomb device which Private Stubbs described as an improvement of the "Molotov Bread Basket," which scatters bombs as it falls.

Brig. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker, former commander of the field, praised the invention, and Col. Harry H. Young, present commander, wrote a letter of commendation to Private Stubbs which was read before his company, the 44th Bombardment Group.

It was also announced at the field that the device has been favourably indorsed by high ranking officials of the War Department following tests at the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds.

He said he first conceived his invention about three years ago. He has assigned all his rights in the invention, he said, to the War Department.

Private Stubbs, a native of Charlotte, N.C., and a construction superintendent in civilian life first tried his invention by dropping a harmless, miniature model off a seven-storey building. It worked, and he then made a formal drawing for the War Department.

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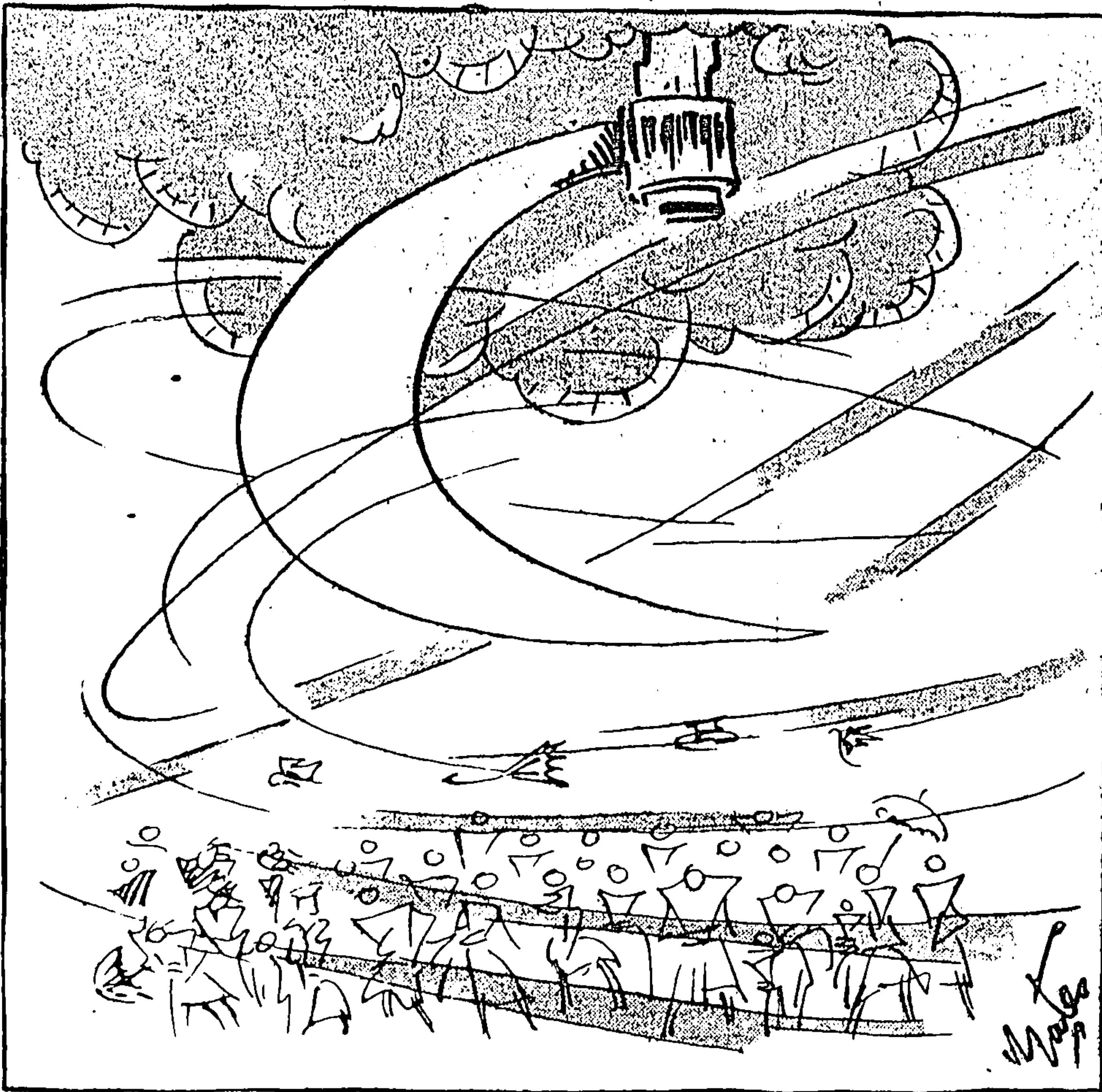
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THE LATTER END

The great battle for Russia — perhaps the fiercest the world has ever known—shows, after nearly thirteen weeks of constant warfare, no diminution in intensity. Having failed to subjugate Russia "according to plan," that is, within the first month of the attack, Hitler finds himself faced with the need for obtaining adequate winter quarters, where he can hope to consolidate himself and prepare for a further effort to subjugate the Soviet Union in the spring. Leningrad and Kiev are, therefore, vital to him and the strength of his attacks on the Russian positions in these sectors is evidence of his supreme need to capture them before the heavy snow storms of winter make intense warfare impossible.

The Soviet forces are defending the approaches to these two key positions with a tenacity that is little short of marvellous. General Timoshenko is assisting by his remarkable come back in the central sector. He is thus engaging forces that might otherwise be released to augment the attacks on the two ends of the line. It is indeed more than probable that the German High Command has already withdrawn as many men as possible without unduly weakening this portion of their defences.

Whatever may be the outcome of the battle, it is clear that Hitler has failed. It has been said that he lost the war when he failed to invade Britain. If so, he has doubly lost it when he failed to occupy Moscow before the winter. With Moscow still immune Hitler cannot present his intended peace terms to Stalin. He is thus defeated, not only in the field but also diplomatically. It is probable that his attack on Russia in the first place was undertaken because he realised he was already defeated in the West. With a broken Russia under his sway, he could then have presented terms to Britain and America which might have proved difficult to reject. He has thrown the dice and lost and today, as a result, is facing defeat both on the Eastern and the Western fronts. He is being slowly but surely crushed even should Kiev and Leningrad fall and though his final overthrow may take some considerable time because, like every man-



TYPHOON

A Belgian's War-Aims

UGHT we to concern ourselves here and now with war-aims? I fully appreciate the reasoning of those who refuse to recognise any other war-aim than the winning of the war, and who want to see concrete conditions created by victory before committing themselves to the conditions of peace.

None the less, since peace remains the supreme objective without which everything else would be meaningless, it is necessary to understand what kind of peace we are fighting for, if such agonising sacrifices are to be accepted with eyes open. For the peace of to-morrow will be what the war has made it. It will be inspired by the same ideas.

When Hitler is cynically enslaving his partner Italy, he is with a sinister logic preparing that country's "peace" in the framework of the general enslavement. In the same way, if the Allies are to achieve, later on, that general cooperation in the cause of right which can alone save civilisation, a logical necessity no less implacable demands that they shall practice forthwith between themselves solidarity between equals, generous and confident, inspired by the same principles and expressed by similar methods. We shall achieve successfully to-morrow only what we are already sketching out today, and the noblest dreams will remain sterile unless our action to-day is inspired by them.

There reflections embolden me to present the observations which follow. My country, Belgium, can play only a very limited role in this conflict, but a certain role she is called on to play, none the less. She has rights to defend and duties to perform like the greatest States in the world. There are many reasons why my participation in the discussion should be modest, but I claim at least that it is not misplaced.

Nowhere in the world, without question, do freedom and peace stand in greater need of an inter-

national guarantee than in the Low Countries, where so many highways cross, where human activity is so intense, and on which so many envious eyes are cast. But what guarantee will be definite enough, and what form of organisation will ensure its effective operation? Events in the last quarter of a century have thrown much valuable light on those questions.

Belgium lived originally under the common guarantee of the European Powers.

In spite of that she was attack-

By Louis De Brouckere

ed by two of her guarantors in 1914, and, though she was loyally defended, and enabled thus to regain her liberty in the end, the system none the less failed to prevent either the invasion of my country or general war. In 1925 Locarno brought us a whole collection of new guarantees, which there were good reasons for thinking stronger than the old. Hitler, none the less, solemnly repudiated the engagements which he had no less solemnly contracted. Since then what remained of the system has disintegrated progressively. I simply record the fact, without seeking for the moment to allot responsibility.

Belgium after that obtained two distinct guarantees, one given by France and the United Kingdom, the other by Germany. Then the history of 1914 was repeated. This time once more victory will deliver us, but war has not been avoided.

After her renunciation at Locarno Belgium sought a new security in the tightening of the bonds which already united a certain number of small Western States. It is needless to dwell on the fundamental impotence of the Oslo Pact to preserve either general peace or the peace of its member-States. There is not, I imagine, a single reasonable Belgian who is not convinced of that after the experiences my country has been through. No form of regional union could by itself guarantee Belgian peace effectively or prevent the recurrence of a world catastrophe. Belgian peace could only be firmly based within a universal peace-system.

But it is assuredly not enough that a peace-system should be universal, still less that it should be nominally universal, to prove itself completely effective. Witness the League of Nations.

Experience has proved the exact value of the Geneva Institution—and has proved equally its insufficiency.

Geneva, too, must profit by the stern lesson of facts. I cannot develop that thesis here at the close of an article. I must be content with indicating briefly two of the indispensable conditions of success. The required union must be assured of the active cooperation of all the major democracies, that of the United States being particularly essential. We see more clearly every day what American assistance in the war is meaning. What might the star-spangled Republic not have effected for the preservation of peace if it had understood in time that its frontier is on the Rhine? It is necessary, too, imperatively necessary, that cooperation should be organised on the basis of a society of equals. I do not mean by that the States of every varying magnitude must command the same votes—that indeed would create flagrant inequality—but simply that the citizens of every State must have the same opportunity of exercising their legitimate influence over the discussions of the society, and find the same protection for their own peace and the same guarantee of their essential rights. Among these latter one of the most essential is unquestionably the right to national independence, that is to say the right for each State to regulate its own life freely in the organised world with the same liberty as the individual citizen enjoys within each State.

The passion for this right runs strongly in the world. It is felt as ardently by peoples whom history has made small as by the most populous. I have tried to demonstrate that by the example of Belgium, but actually we are dealing with a fact which is completely universal—and very fortunate. The desire for independence must grow still stronger in proportion as the international solidarity of which it is the essential counterpart develops. For how in a united world would it be possible without it to preserve that diversity, that upsurge of individual and group originality without which there can be no intelligent life? If it were necessary to demonstrate the possibility of securing the co-existence in a single union of States of every magnitude, equally free and equally respected, and demonstrate further how invaluable this co-existence is, it would be sufficient to point to the example of the British Commonwealth, whose strength is so vastly increased by the complete equality of rights which exists within it between all those who enjoy Dominion status. But, let me hasten to add, the rights of small nations imply corresponding duties. It is by the full discharge of their duties during war that they may be assured of the plenitude of their rights in peace.

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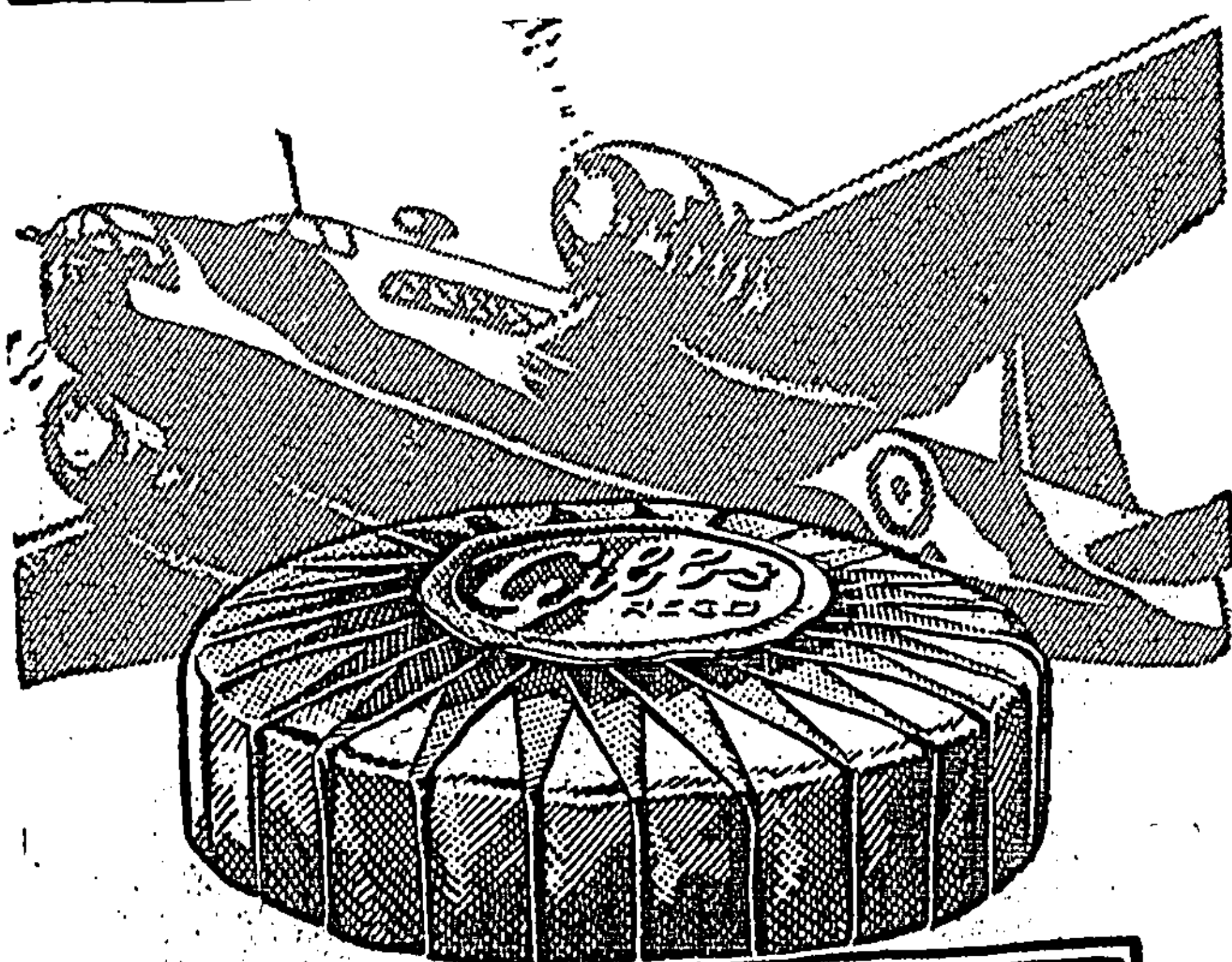
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SHAH RIZA PAHLEVI OUSTED WHEN ARMY REFUSES SUPPORT

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Teheran)

STRIVING DESPERATELY TO THE LAST TO RETAIN HIS POSITION SHAH RIZA PAHLEVI WAS FORCED FROM THE THRONE BY THE SURGING DEMAND OF HIS OWN PEOPLE, WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE POINT OF REVOLT BY THE TYRANNY OF THE LAST 16 YEARS.

Only a still lingering fear of the ruthless despot whose secret police were as efficiently organised as the Gestapo prevented them from rising against him during the last two weeks.

By Monday only one quarter remained whence he could expect help—senior officers of the army, whose positions endow them with rich pickings. The remainder of the army, consisting of conscripted peasants and underpaid young officers, is as hostile to him as the rest of the population.

It is believed the Shah gambled to the last minute on the hope that the army would help him quell the popular uprising and that the British and Russians would not intervene.

It is reported that the Cabinet saw him on Monday night urging abdication but met with a blunt refusal. He then sought the advice of Sir William Butler, the British Minister, through a secret emissary. Realisation that he could not obtain any help from Britain probably convinced him that the "game was up." Early on Tuesday morning he summoned the Premier to the Winter Palace near Teheran whither he had moved from the Summer Palace in the mountains to the north and handed him the deed of abdication.

Prisoners Released

Although every effort was made to keep the abdication secret, for fear of disorders, the news quickly spread throughout the capital and big crowds gathered before loud speakers at midday to hear the official announcement.

One of the first results of the removal of the Shah from power was the release of some of the great number of political prisoners who crowded the jails.

The Shah dismissed from his post the Minister of War immediately after the "cease fire" had been ordered. Before throwing him into prison the Shah beat him with the flat of his sword and kicked him. He also struck all the senior army officers who had not already fled from Teheran.

Vast Fortune

After interviewing the Premier, the Shah set out by car for Isfahan, about 220 miles to the south. Isfahan is the ancient centre of Persian art and culture where young men and boys whose sight is not yet ruined by the closeness of the work still paint some of the world's finest miniatures on camel bone and mother-of-pearl.

On the road he must have passed the British and Indian troops advancing on Teheran. It is not yet known whether he took with him any of the vast fortune he had amassed from his trade in monopolies and taxation—a fortune he kept in the vaults of his Palace. Part had already been sent to America and perhaps to England.

Special precautions are being taken by the Persian Government as well as by the British and Russian troops in case the tyrannical people should seek revenge on the former Shah's agents.

Complete Calm

Russian troops had on Tuesday reached the 30th kilometre stone from Teheran, whence they reached the city yesterday morning at the same time as the British.

There is complete calm in the city. People in the streets seem dazed by the news although they lived hourly in expectation of it for the last two weeks. Shortly after the announcement

in Parliament, Government pamphlets were circulated in the streets announcing the Shah's abdication and giving the text of the abdication deed which stated:

"Because I spent all my energy for the good of my country during these last years it is necessary that a younger man, who can do more for the country, shall take my place. I therefore recommend that the Crown Prince shall succeed me."

"From to-day, the 25th of Shahrivar (Iran used the solar calendar dating from Mohammed's flight from Mecca) the Iranian nation and army must obey the new Shah, recognising him as the real King, and must give him the same loyalty as they gave me."

No More Difficulties

Later the Government announced: "The Shah left Teheran this morning. The Government is in touch with the British and Russian Governments in order to preserve as far as possible the normal life of the country and maintain the same friendly relations with the two Governments. There will soon be no more difficulties."

The swearing in of the new Shah was due to take place at 4.30 yesterday afternoon in Parliament, when members of the Cabinet, members of Parliament, senior officials, senior army, navy and air force officers, senior judges, religious leaders and university professors were to have been present.

Members of Parliament were to wear morning coats, officials and judges their special uniforms indicating rank, while religious leaders would wear flowing tunics and cloaks crowned with traditional turbans.

On The Koran

The Crown Prince was to swear the oath on the Koran according to the formula laid down by the constitution.

The Coronation, which will be a secular ceremony, will take place later, possibly after the war.

The new Queen Fawzieh, 20-year-old sister of King Farouk of Egypt did not attend the oath ceremony. During the crisis she stayed at Isfahan with her small daughter.

The staff of the Rumanian Legation left Teheran on Tuesday by car for Tabriz from where they will pass through Turkey on their way to Rumania.

The German, Hungarian and Bulgarian Legations left by the same route yesterday.

Berlin Order

The families of the Germans had originally elected to go with the men so the British made special arrangements for them to be billeted with their husbands in concentration camps in India but apparently they have now been ordered by the German Government to return to Germany.

A great number of cars required for the journey were provided by the Iranian Government which requisitioned them.

CROOKED VERSE

There was a crooked man and
He had a crooked style.

He raised a crooked moustache.

And smiled a crooked smile.

His flag a crooked cross, he

Published crooked facts

And built a crooked Europe.

With his crooked little pacts.

—Frank Lynn, in the
"New York Herald-Tribune."

ALLIED PROMISE TO PERSIA

The Iranian Premier, Ali Furanghi, announced in Parliament yesterday that Allied troops were advancing towards Teheran although the Government had asked them not to approach the city.

"We hope this will be effective," he said, "but even if they do come, members should be easy in their minds for they have no hostile intentions."

"They have assured us of this and we are certain we can rely on that promise."

The Premier said he had been authorised by the new Shah to say he would rule as a completely constitutional monarch.

Crown Jewels

"He will observe the law of the constitution and the rights of the people of Iran," the Premier added. "He will obey all acts already passed or in future to be passed by Parliament and will do his best to amend the wrongs done to the people singly or collectively."

"He will try to ensure that all the hopes and wishes of the people shall be realised."

The Premier also promised full facilities for a committee of Parliament with experts to verify his assurance that the Crown Jewels were safe in the National Bank in Teheran. — Reuter.

The German Minister has given his word that the convoy will not linger on the way.

The Italians, who insisted on travelling in a separate convoy from the Germans, are expected to leave Teheran to-day.

There are 30 males on the staff of the German Legation. The strengths of the other Legations are smaller. It is not yet known whether Hungarian and Bulgarian subjects will also be repatriated. — Reuter.

PAYMENTS INTO BANK BY P.W.D. FOREMAN

EVIDENCE THAT certain sums of money deposited by him in the Underwriters Bank between February, 1937, and November, 1939, all belonged to his sister who wanted to save it for her "marriage fund" was given by Tsang Pui-fan, who described himself as a foreman in the P.W.D., at the resumed hearing this morning, of the inquiry into matters connected with the Air Raids Precaution Architectural Department, in the Puisne Judge's Court.

After stating that he was a foreman at \$75 a month, witness was asked if he could speak English and on stating that he could was further asked if he would like to answer the questions in that language. He replied that he preferred to speak Chinese.

The chairman, Mr. Justice P. F. Cressall, then asked when he was first employed in the Public Works Department and witness stated that this was in 1937 when he was transferred from the Shing Mun Reservoir Scheme.

Chairman: Do you know Mr. Campbell?—Yes sir.
Were you employed by him in the Shing Mun Reservoir Scheme?—Yes sir.

You were an office boy then, were you?—No sir, I was a checker.

What pay were you getting then?—\$25 a month.
How long were you on the job?—For six months. Then I was transferred to the office.

February Deposit

How long were you in the office?—Up to 1937. When the reservoir was finished I was still employed there as a charger.

On how much a month?—I believe it was \$1.75 a day.
Did you open an account in the Underwriters Bank in 1937?—Yes sir.

You opened this account by depositing \$20?—Yes sir.
In February 1937 you deposited \$170.—Yes sir.

Where did you get the money from?—This money belonged to my sister.

What is the name of your sister?—Mrs. Leung.

Where does she live?—I think the address is No. 84 Caine Road, I am not sure.

And you got the money from her?—She asked me to bank it.

Why didn't she bank it herself, in her own name?—Because she cannot read.

Have you given it back to her yet?—Yes sir.

When?—At different times, when she needed money she asked for it.

And have you given it all back to her?—Yes sir.

No Receipt Necessary

Have you got a receipt?—No sir, because we are brother and sister a receipt was not necessary.

You trust one another?—Certainly sir.

On May 22, 1937, you deposited \$210.—Yes sir.

Where did you get it from, is it your savings on \$1.75 a day?—Again this money belonged to my sister.

What is your sister doing?—I don't know. I was working in Shing Mun and only saw her at week-ends.

But didn't she tell you what she was doing?—No sir, but she said the money was to be laid aside for her marriage, her "marriage fund."

All Her Money

Is she married now?—Yes.
On June 24 you deposited another \$200.—Yes sir.

And on August 9, you deposited \$200.—Is that her money?—Yes sir, all this is her money.

Now, on November 1, you deposited \$200 and on November 19, you withdrew \$100. What was that for?—She said she wanted the money and I got it for her.

In February 17, 1939, all the money had been withdrawn except \$7.37?—Yes sir, all the money was given back to my sister.

Have you a bank account now?—No sir.

Are you quite sure about that?—Yes sir.

What are you doing now?—I am partly foreman and partly in charge of the accounts in the office.

What office?—The Government office in Hung Hom.

Government Office?—I don't know.

Who told you to go there?—Mr. Campbell.

Did he tell you it was a Government office?—No.

You thought it was a Government office?—Yes sir.

Now will you tell the Commission what work you do in this office?—Yes sir. In the mornings I inspect the work and in the afternoons I check the accounts in the office.

What accounts?—The daily payments to the workmen.

WOMEN TRAIN AS GARDENERS

Women gardeners are being trained in large private gardens, market gardens, and nurseries all over England so that food production will not suffer by the call-up of men gardeners.

The Women's Farm and Garden Association is undertaking this important work, and more than 100 girls are already helping food production in this way.

Girls who undertake this work must be over 16 years of age and willing to serve six months' apprenticeship to head gardeners on approved gardens or estates.

LOVE OF ANNIE FOR GEORGE

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Annie Incks pleaded with the Judge to give Jones another chance.

Mr. Justice Hawkes said he would postpone sentence.

THE KING CUTS HIS SMOKING

The Queen, talking with the Mayor of Shoreditch, remarked when visiting a hostel, "I don't smoke but the King I know has cut down his cigarette smoking because of the shortage."

She said she thought there had been a good deal of cigarette wastage before the war.

TOMMIES TO SALUTE A.T.S. OFFICERS

With the granting of full military status to the A.T.S. — Volunteers are classed as Privates now — Tommies and N.C.O.s must in future salute women officers whose rank is now denoted by "pips" in place of A.T.S. "stars."

Male officers are also expected to give a courtesy salute to that from women officers.

For serious breaches of discipline the A.T.S. can now be court-martialled before a joint board composed of officers of both sexes.

On the domestic side A.T.S. rankers — nearly 100,000 new recruits are wanted by December — are being told that with their now "Private" rankings parents and relatives must always include the girl's number with the prefix "W." for women, when writing to them, otherwise the letters may be sent to a male ranker with the same name attached to the newly-created mixed units, where men and women drill together.

The A.T.S. girls have welcomed the Northern Command important summer dress concessions whereby girls can discard their tunics both "on" and "off" duty, wearing their khaki shirt-blouses with sleeves rolled up to the elbow.

But bare legs or just ankle socks in place of the khaki stockings are banned.

WHERE'S THAT HATE?

Mr. Tracy Strang, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. World Committee for War Prisoners, after a tour of prison camps in Britain, Switzerland, and occupied France, says:

I found surprising little hate between captive and captor. Conditions in European prison camps to-day are far better than during the Great War.

Mr. J. Bensstead, Assistant General Secretary, told the annual conference of the N.U.R. at Swansea that though the smash-and-grab of Germany must be stopped at all costs, they were opposed to the idea of some people that we had to exterminate every German.

It's Here

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General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was also received in audience. — British Wireless.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 22nd day of September, 1941**, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4319.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 3306 & 4141, Ping Street, Kau Pui Shek.	to.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	
								About 2,200	\$1,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$165.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4320.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 4278 & 4279, Ha Hung Road, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	
								About 4,450	\$2,300

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BRIDGE NOTES

REACHING A SLAM By The Four Aces

"We know we should have reached a slam," writes an Indianapolis reader, "but we don't see where we went astray. Can you tell us? Here's the hand:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ A Q 9 7 3

♥ K

♦ Q 4

♣ K J 9 8 2

WEST

♠ J 8 2

♥ 10 7

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ 7 6 4 3

EAST

♠ 10 5 4

♥ 6 4 3 2

♦ K 8 7 3

♣ Q 10

SOUTH

♠ K 6

♥ A Q J 8 8 6

♦ A 6 2

♣ A 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

There was a grand slam at either spades or hearts. Should South have helped the spades, or was it up to North to do something about the hearts?

We think the fault was North's. South showed slam hopes based on a very powerful hand when he jumped from one spade to three hearts. Such a bid is made only when there is a very good fit for the original suit (spades) or an exceptionally strong suit in the responder's hand. The fact that South didn't raise spades but rebid his hearts showed that he had the second type of hand. And if South had an exceptionally powerful heart suit, North's King should obviously assume great importance.

Very largely on the strength of this heart King, North should have raised to five hearts when South rebid his suit. If South could go on to six, he would undoubtedly have enough high-card strength outside of hearts to make his contract; and even if South had already "stretched", a contract of five hearts was surely safe.

As a matter of fact, South might very well jump to seven hearts if North raised to five. From the bidding, North would be pretty well marked with the Ace of spades, the King of hearts, and enough strength in the black suits to take care of South's losers. And even if South played safe by bidding only six hearts, at least a slam contract would be reached rather than an ignominiously timid game contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 10 7 5

♥ 8

♦ K J 5 2

♣ Q 9 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Mater
1♠	Pass	1♥	(?)

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This is a cheap opportunity to show your major suit. If partner lacks support for spades, you can stand a club rebid.

Score 100% for one spade, 60% for two clubs.

Question No. 824

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Mater
1♠	Pass	1♠	2♥
2♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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BABY PROBLEM IS SOLVED

Mothers' problems of keeping babies fit during the strain and peril of war-time without the peace time amenities and luxuries are solved ingeniously by the National Baby Welfare Council.

Welfare workers in clinics throughout the country will tell mothers how they can cooperate with science and the Government to ensure that Britain's next generation comes through the war toughened but otherwise bonny as children reared under ideal peacetime conditions.

They will describe the Government's plans to keep babies robust . . . and unperturbed by rationing, shelter life, and lack of vitamins contained in such pre-war necessities as grapes, tomatoes and orange juice.

Dr. D. H. Geffen, secretary of the Council's committee, said: "These plans are most comprehensive. Whatever happens babies' priority milk supply . . . fresh, tinned and dried is assured. There are plenty of vitamin preparations stored . . . in addition to vitamin C, which will be produced from the black currant crop which the Ministry of Food have earmarked for babies.

This is five times as rich in vitamin C as fresh oranges. The Council hope to obtain special ration concessions from the Minister of Food for the mother-to-be.

SHOE STYLES MAY BE CUT TO THREE

Footwear is likely to be standardised so that there will be only two or three styles for both men and women.

Manufacturers already have had to reduce their range considerably.

"People are buying good, durable footwear, and there is very little demand for ultra-fashion goods," the manager of a shoe store told the "Daily Sketch".

Bootees have disappeared from the shops because of the large amount of material required to make them. If there is another severe winter women will have to be content with gaiters.

If it is decided to produce a standard shoe it will not be on sale for a few months yet, as there are still comparatively large stocks in the country.

FLATULENCE

A QUICK, SURE REMEDY

Only those who are victims of flatulence know how painful this form of indigestion can be. The stomach becomes "blown out," pressing on other organs. Acute "stitch" is felt in the side and under the heart. In severe cases, palpitation and breathlessness make the sufferer feel as if he were actually a heart patient.

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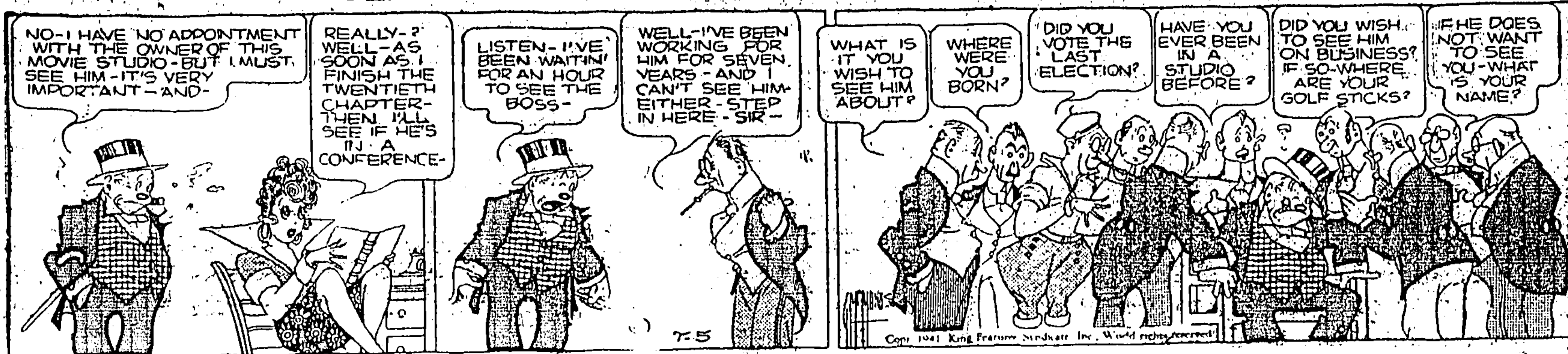
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Scalp & Hair Treatment

Any long or brief acute illness, or emotional shock, will cause the hair to fall out alarmingly. Therefore the woman who experiences an illness or shock should upon recovery, give her head special pampering.

If one can afford it, it is best to buy a series of professional salon treatments providing the home-town beauty parlour is capable of giving a professional scalp treatment. Some are not, I am sad to report, and rather than have the scalp harmed by inexperienced hands, a woman should give herself the treatments or ask a friend to give her a hand.

The primary step is the selection of a reputable scalp pomade, special conditioning tonic, a re-conditioning oil and a good liquid shampoo. A convalescent must bear in mind that her hair is as tired as her body. It has little vitality so it deserves the best aids one can purchase. There are perhaps no more than a dozen very reliable lines of scalp products on the market. I personally have investigated and approved no more than nine. So it pays to take a little pains in buying the aids you use on your scalp.

A treatment goes as follows: When your head is ready for a washing, part the hair and anoint the scalp completely with the salve, ointment or pomade you have bought. For ten minutes or longer, massage the scalp with the fingers. Then heat the reconditioning oil, apply it with fresh pieces of cotton to scalp and hair length. If you have a sun lamp sit under it for ten minutes (providing it is not one which limits the time to fewer minutes for safety), and if you have no lamp then wrap your head in small bath towels which have been saturated with the hottest of water and wrung out. Thus you get a steaming. (The salon steamers are excellent but the hot towels are a good substitute.)

After a very thorough washing with two soapings of liquid shampoo and several clear water rinsings, dry your hair with a towel and by the heat of your hands unless you can sit beneath the sun lamp again or in the sunshine. However if you do sit beneath the lamp or sun you must keep parting and combing the hair so no part of it will get too concentrated heat.

Tonic Daily

When the scalp is dry as can be, the hair is again parted and



An optimist is he who thinks a summer cold is something to sneeze at.



Give your hair plenty of air and exercise during convalescent months. In order to keep her lovely red-gold hair in good condition, Joan Leslie gives her scalp a workout with tonic, a good brushing, and then lets the wind blow through her hair.

the scalp anointed with the conditioning tonic. Such a tonic is not greasy and one soon learns to limit the amount of daily application so the hair is kept soft and manageable without becoming heavy or sticky. Do not let any day go by without brushing the hair well for ten minutes with a brush that has been sterilised. Do not use the brush two days without washing it during this reconditioning period.

Such a treatment should be given every ten days or every two weeks for a period of three months. And do not sigh when I say "three months"—it takes that long for your entire body to become healthy after an illness or shock. Patience is the virtue you must practice if you wish to recapture your lost vitality and beauty.

There Are Three Sexes

You have only to put your nose around the door of the May Fair Hotel and you will find Terry Rowlands, smart and slick in her little page-boy hat and "buttons." She is the first girl to become an hotel usherette in Britain.

Neat and pretty, she is a success not because of glamour, but because of brains.

She isn't envious, or malicious, or impressed by the thoughtless and expensive women who daily come her way, for she has character as well as intelligence. But it has taken her all her philosophy to get used to their ways.

"They let you down, women, don't they?" says Terry, summing up rather ruthlessly. "I don't like seeing some of them behaving as they do; mean on little things, stingy where men are generous. It's as though they're taking away our good name, and it makes you kind of sad when you find yourself thinking: 'I don't like women much.'"

"It's a bit hard to keep your sense of humour sometimes when

you hear a group of young lovelies saying: 'I should die if I had to go to work,' and telling each other how they'd dodged conscription, and what an idiot they think dear so-and-so is for joining the W.A.A.F.

"I can tell by her manner and self-confidence whether a woman has made her own way or had it made for her. You can tell it, too, when you see them with men. The Girl Mother Keeps is more anxious.

"The Girl with the Good Job is more assured, and a match for any man. She uses less tricks, and her men don't look so polite and bored.

"There's something awfully silly about a woman with no work," says Terry. "You'd be surprised at the trivial, mean little things that worry them.

"I'd say there are three sexes," says Terry. "Men. Women. And Intelligent People. The third are the folk I like. And it's a curious thing that among the women the Intelligent People are always those who do a job of work."

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sion.

12.30 p.m.—A Light Irish Programme.

"Twins Only An' Irishman's Dream

(O'Brien-Dubin-Cormack) ... Billy

Murray (Vocal) with Banjo.

Medley Of Jigs—The Bantry Hunt;

Glengarriff's Pride; Pet of the Pipers

... Sean Nolan (Violin) with Piano.

When Irish Eyes Are Smiling (Graff;

Olcott & Ball) ... Phil Regan

(Vocal) with Orchestra.

The Green Groves Of Erin—Irish

Reel—Introducing "The Ivy Leaf"

... William J. Mullaly (Concertina)

with Piano.

Irish Washerwoman (Traditional) ...

The Four King Sisters (Vocal) with

Orchestra.

Medley Of Reels: Teddy O'Neagle—

The Pretty Girl Milking Her Cow

... Sean Nolan (Violin) with Piano.

That's How You Can Tell They're

Irish (Gaskill-Grey); The Hat My

Father Wore (Schwartz-Jerome) ...

Billy Murray (Vocal) with Band.

Londonderry Air (Traditional) ...

Albert Sandler (Violin) with Organ

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Musical Comedy "Please

Teacher". Bobby Howes and Com-

pany with The London Hippodrome

Chorus and Orchestra.

1.20 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuf-

fins.

Roy Club Rag (Harry Roy); Where

Did Robinson Crusoe Go With Fri-

day On Saturday Night (Lewis-

Young); You Made Me Love You

(McCarthy-Monaco)

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Programme of Old English

Music with Purcell's Suite for Strings.

Suite for Strings (Purcell, arr. Bur-

birolli)—1st Mov: Andante maestoso

(quasi adagio)—Allegro; 2nd Mov:

Tempo di Minuetto; 3rd Mov: An-

dantino; 4th Mov: Allegretto gio-

coso; 5th Mov: Largo; 6th Mov:

Allegro ... Philharmonic Symphony

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My Lovely Cella (Monro, arr. Wilson)

... Nan Maryska (Soprano) with

Piano.

Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes

(Traditional); Barbara Allen (Tra-

ditional arr. Hartley) ... The Wel-

beck Light String Quartet.

Sally Horner (Traditional) ... Brian

Lawrence (Vocal) with Fred Hartley

and his Quintet.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.47 p.m.—Dinah Shore In A Swing

Programme.

Ready, Get Set, Jump ... Tony Pastor

and his Orchestra.

My Blue Heaven ... Coleman Haw-

kin's All Star Octet.

Jim (Shawn-Ross-Petrillo) ... Dinah

Shore (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Beale Street Blues: South of The

Border (Down Mexico Way) ...

Wingie Manone & his Orchestra.

Honeyuckle Rose (Razaf-Waller);

Do You Care? (Elliott-Quadling)

... Dinah Shore (Vocal) with Orch.

Tea For Two: I Never Knew ...

Sowande and his Music.

7.17 p.m.—Sydney Torch at the Organ.

In The Still Of The Night (from film

"Rosalie").

You're A Sweetheart (from film).

Torch Parade, No. 3—Intro: I Can't

Love You Any More: I'll Never

Smile Again, Until I Smile At You;

Until You Fall In Love: I Hear

Bluebirds; Fools Rush In: We'll Go

Smiling Along

7.30 p.m.—"Hits" From The Shows.

Daly's Theatre Waltz Memories—In-

tro: A Waltz Dream: Gipsy Love;

The Country Girl; The Merry

Widow; The Cingalee; The Count

Of Luxembourg ... Charles Prentice

and his Orchestra.

"Bitter Sweet"—I'll See You Again

(Noel Coward) ... Annie Ziegler

(Vocal) and Webster Booth with

Orchestra.

"Happy Memories"—Selection from

Old Time Shows ... The New May-

fair Orchestra.

"The New Moon"—Wanting You

(Romberg) ... Lawrence Tibbett

(Baritone) with Piano.

"The New Moon"—Lover, Come Back

To Me (Mandel-Romberg) ...

Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with

Orchestra.

Musical Comedy Gems—Intro: If I

Am Dreaming ("The Dubarry");

Salzkammergut (White Horse Inn);

Lover Come Back To Me (The New

Moon); Charming Weather (Ar-

cadians); Mr. Jeremiah Esq.

(Quaker Girl) ... Leslie Jeffries and

his Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post". Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Marek Weber and His

Orchestra and Richard Tauber

(Tenor).

"Die Fledermaus"—Selection (J.

Strauss) ... Marek Weber and his

Orchestra.

Love Lost Forever More (from film

"Blossom Time"); Once There

Lived A Lady Fair (from film

"Blossom Time") ... Richard

Tauber with Orchestra.

Waltzes—A Summer Evening (Wald-

teufel); St. Mary's Chimes (Strauss,

arr. Zietberger) ... Marek Weber

and his Orchestra.

Fear Nothing (from Opera

"Paganini") ... Lehar-Herbert

Richard Tauber with Orchestra.

Waltz (Durand) ... Marek Weber and

his Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"Tonight We Pre-

sent"—A Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Kalan—"The Countess

Maritza"—Potpourri, Edith Lorand

and her Viennese Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"The News

and News Commentary.

10.10 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

Soviet To Import U.S. Machine Tools

MACHINE TOOLS, presumably for use in new munitions and supply plants to be constructed deep in Russia's interior and away from Nazi bombers, are the No. one item on Soviet Russia's requisition list turned in to American authorities, according to information obtained from exporters who maintain close business contacts with the Soviet states the "New York Times."

Russia's greatest industrial centre at present, it was pointed out, is Leningrad, objective of a sharp drive by Nazi forces. Second is Moscow, already bombed by German fliers, and third Kharkov, Ukrainian city.

Despite the fact that the government has already released \$1,700,000 worth of machine tools tied up here for months through a lack of export permits, Russia is in the market for several times that amount and would like delivery as soon as possible, it was said.

Foreign traders estimate that Russia has \$50,000,000 in earmarked gold and in credits available here to pay for goods. Difficulties of transportation may make it impossible for her to replenish the funds from her own large stocks of gold while the war is on, but exporters are confident that credits will be made available to her either under the lend-lease act or by other means.

U.S. Import Soviet Goods

A report which circulated here recently and found ready acceptance among exporters was that America will contract for large quantities of such Russian commodities as manganese, coal, platinum, jewels for industrial uses, tobacco and other goods for delivery after the war. Payment for the products would be made at once and create a fund from which Russia could draw in paying for the goods she needs now.

Other "rush" items on the Soviet list of supplies are aircraft, including long-range bombers; certain types of artillery, together with the necessary ammunition, and quantities of scientific instruments ranging from those used in aeroplanes to heat-measuring apparatus required in the production of steel and other metals. Russia also would like quantities of copper, aluminium, brass and oil well and oil processing equipment.

The Amtorg Trading Corporation, buying and selling agency here for the Russian Government for years, has been designated as buying commission for Soviet war-time needs. According to arrangements reported concluded in Washington, the agency will be granted whatever export licences are required on shipments of materials to Russia.

Under this system exporters getting orders from Amtorg will be relieved of the necessity of applying for licences and will be able to treat the sales as a purely domestic transaction.

There is serious concern among both Russian and United States officials over the problem of transporting supplies to the Soviet. Russia is said to lack the ships necessary to move goods in the quantities she will require and

there is doubt as to whether America can spare enough ships to make up Russia's deficiency.

An added factor is the uncertainty over Japan's actions in the Pacific. It is assumed that supplies will have to move to Russia through the port of Vladivostok and from there over the Trans-Siberian Railway to western production centres. If Japan moves against Russia and blockades the port, serious present difficulties will be multiplied.

PRAISE OF PRESS IN DEBATE

Before the Pharmacy and Medicines Bill was read a second time in the House of Commons Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, said the Bill's main purpose was to repeal many of the licence duties. The yield of purchase tax on medicines was estimated at about £3,000,000, nearly four times the annual yield of the duties.

"The brutally scandalous age of patent medicines," he said, "is in the past rather than in the present. The public-spirited action of manufacturers and of the Press has done a great deal to remove complaints, but in the present state of the law opportunity still exists for the unscrupulous to trade on the credulity and fears of the ill-informed."

Mr. Beverley Baxter said there was a tendency in the Bill to place monopoly powers in the hands of the British Medical Council, a very reactionary body.

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WATER DEARER THAN VICTORY TO GERMANS

Hans Huffzky, a reporter in one of the German Army's Propaganda Companies, writes for the "Associated Press" a descriptive account of the German soldier's plight and thought on the Russian battlefield.

(By HANS HUFFZKY)

THIS WAR IS THE DRIEST OF ALL WARS. THAT IS BECAUSE IT LEADS PAST TOO FEW WATER MAINS, FEWER THAN IN POLAND AND FEWER THAN IN FRANCE.

Flap down your dust-coated eye-lashes, comrade, and think back — think of France; wasn't that one vast water fountain compared with this country?

Yesterday we passed a village as we rolled along the marching route of our panzers. For hours before we had located it on our map. Now it must still be 10 kilometres away, now only five, now just one more there it was, the village, there was the first house and there, too, was the first bucket-well.

Down deep with the pail up it came with mire and mud. On to the next well! It yielded only a brownish broth.

The wells already had been drawn dry by our comrades. So once again we cannot wash ourselves to-night. Wash? Why, we haven't the faintest intention of washing, there isn't water for that. All we want is to just dip our hands once, just to cool our burned brows and necks a bit.

Field Flasks Priceless

This morning we were to drive through the city of "M" (obviously Minsk). We figured it out: There must be so many hydrants, for drinking, for cooking, for washing, for filling our field flasks.

When we reached "M" we didn't come to "M," for it is something that doesn't exist any more and you can't come to it. We reached "M" only according to our maps. For "M" was in reality nothing but a bit of smouldering landscape. I say landscape because the chimneys which remained standing between the wooden houses looked from afar like trees. The fleeing Soviet had with his artillery shot "M" into the ground and burned it down completely.

Back home in our German garisons a field flask full of water isn't worth a straw. There it merely weighs down the belt from which so many other things are already hanging.

But a field flask with drinking water to-day in the East is worth more than anything that can happen to you.

That comrade begs as though he wanted to borrow 100 marks from you. Or he offers you other luxuries in exchange, a whole frying pan full of butter, one dozen eggs—whatever he just happens to have.

The other day one had offered for one field flask full of tea one pair of boots which he had found abandoned in Soviet barracks and which he really intended as a substitute for his own, which already were pretty dilapidated.

In peacetime the field kitchens usually heat their kettles for drinkables twice daily, once for the morning, once for the evening coffee. In this war they haven't become cold for a single hour. They boil 10 and 12 times during the day and night. One can come to them of mornings at 4, or nights at 11, during the pause between skirmishes, or in the midst of the din of battle—their chimneys invariably exuding smoke, and their kettles will grow cold for the first time only after the last shots of this campaign have been fired.

Water Prime Need

How was it, anyway, at home? How many metres of waterspout did one need every morning for washing a face that after all was really quite clean?

Yesterday for the first time in a long while I was privileged really to wash and shave myself. It was a veritable dis-alpation I indulged in with that water. Why, I had two whole drinking cups full of water for it!

The saddest soldiers' eyes I have encountered anywhere were on the bridges across the large rivers, across the Berezina, the Dnieper. Eyes of men who for days hadn't come off their dirty, grimy vehicles and out of their hot, dust-covered jackets and trousers, and who now — the burning sun on a sweaty military cap — were crossing the cool water.

Never have there been such sad, thirsty eyes during so proud a ride, during their ride across the great streams of an opponent who is forever retreating farther eastward.

We yearn for so much—for example for one hour without the din of battle, for one stretch of summer landscape that doesn't smell of conflagration, for one walk through a street of peace with children's laughter. Yet all this becomes threadbare and infinitesimal compared with the yearning for the great water, for water for drinking, for bathing, for nonsensical wallowing. For this war is the dirtiest of all wars!

TIN HAT BALL

The Services of two of the finest dance bands in the Far East have been secured for the Tin Hat Ball.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers, the splendid dance band of the 2nd. Battn. The Royal Scots will play on the night of October 3. In addition, Art Carnero and his talented musicians will enliven the Ball. The latter orchestra will also render the special music for some of Carol Bateman's cabaret numbers.

MUKDEN ANNIVERSARY MANIFESTO

A stirring manifesto on the tenth anniversary of the "Mukden incident" to-day was issued by over 340 refugees here from Manchuria urging the Chinese people with the help of the democracies to strive for the recovery of Manchuria.

Calling for a world united front against Fascist aggression, the manifesto pointed out that had responsible leaders in the League of Nations wisely responded to China's appeal to check Japan in 1931-1933, "the League would not have been so treacherously wrecked and Mussolini and Hitler would not have been given the opportunity to embark on their devilish work of death."

While strong support is given to the ABC bloc, the message calls for serious guarantees such as those given to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Greece and other powers. As long as no serious undertaking is concluded between China, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States and as long as the war in Europe and the war in Asia are not merged, the ABC bloc or any true international front against Fascism would remain "a mere rhetorical and futile gesture."

Fears are expressed in the manifesto that "an influential school of thought" abroad harbours the view that Manchuria might be sacrificed in order to appease Japan and that in the hours of distress and illusion which may come in the course of war this school of thought may influence the decisions of statesmen of to-day as the school of appeasement influenced the rulers of Munich days.

"Manchuria is an integral part of China," says the manifesto. "The blood, sweat and tears of more than thirty million Chinese have moulded from a wilderness of the north an economically developed region. In the whole of China it is the richest in resources and soil."

"If Manchuria is not restored to China, the death of millions of Chinese soldiers and the sacrifice of hundreds of millions of Chinese will have been in vain and the war of anti-aggression and for freedom and human decency for which the manhood and womanhood of Europe and the world are fighting and suffering will also have been in vain."

BLIND GIRLS PICNIC

Sir,—The Christ Church Group of the V.D.M.A. intend to hold their annual picnic for the blind women of the Industrial Home on Saturday, October 4.

For several years past the women of the Industrial Home have learned to look forward to the annual outing as one of the few really happy events in their year. We sincerely hope that it will not be necessary to dis-appoint them this year.

The Home has moved to Sheung Shui, New Territories, and for this reason, the picnic is being held at Castle Peak Beach instead of Shek O as heretofore. It is not our intention to ask for loan of cars this year, but gifts of money for the afternoon will be greatly appreciated.

Will all those who are willing to help please communicate with me c/o Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

Gertrude Goddard,
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BRITAIN'S PANZER SMASHER

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"Valentines" are 18 ton infantry tanks, a development from "Waltzing Matilda," ceremoniously named by a unit of the Royal Armoured Corps.

For the weight of guns and armour carried they are faster than was at first expected. They are powerful enough to destroy any machine they are likely to encounter.

"Mark III" was the original name for this tank, details of which, hitherto secret, are now issued by the Ministry of Supply. Designers have gone back to their drawing boards to plan something even deadlier.

BISMARCK HERO IS PROMOTED

A member of the British mission now in Moscow, Captain (Acting Rear-Admiral) Geoffrey J. A. Miles, A.D.C., R.N., is among the promotions to Rear-Admiral in His Majesty's Fleet. He is a specialist in navigation.

Another promoted is Captain Frederick H. G. Dalrymple-Hamilton, R.N., who was in command of the battleship Rodney when she was in at the "kill" of the Bismarck.

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB

The 18th annual report of Kowloon Chess Club, whose annual meeting takes place on Thursday, September 26, at the Peninsula Hotel at 6 p.m., reveals that five of their members entered the Colony Open Championship, which attracted only six entries in all. L. Korpovich won the title, dropping half a point, and C. M. Sequeira, champion in 1926-27 and 1932-35, was runner-up.

A Colony Junior Championship was run for the first time and to Yu-lau won, with A. Y. Birtukoff runner-up in an entry of 15.

In the Club's Senior Championship C. M. Sequeira and D. E. de Carvalho were joint winners, while the Club's Junior Championship was won by A. C. Poupord, with A. Benjamin runner-up.

MINIATURE FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL

The first semi-final in the Emporium Miniature Football Shield competition will be played this afternoon at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m. when Mau Luk Clinic meet Ah Q.

Prior to this game, Tung Shan and Sing Pao meet in the quarter-finals and the winner will meet South China in the other semi-final.

The following are the teams:—
Tung Shan:—Mak Ping, Hau Yung-tung, Man Sau-ki, Lee Tak-kee, Wong Man-kei, Lai Shiu-ying, Lau Chung-sang, Cheong Moon-wing, Chan Chai-kai, and Fong Kwai-sing.
Sing Pao:—Wong Kok-yui, Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Fung-kwan, Kwok Ho Yan-lan, Leung Kam-chuen, Ying-ld, and John Shuen Po-on. Lam Tak-po, Fok Yiu-wah, Leung Peng-sun, Lai Chung-yuen, Chu Wing-keung, Leung Peng-kwan, Chang Hok-cheong, and Chow Koon-ping.
Ah Q:—P. C. Woo, K. P. King, K. S. Yang, G. Wong, B. Y. Hsu, P. C. Chai, T. P. Woo, H. H. Yu, K. S. Hul, L. L. Chai, and C. T. Hau.

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NAVY TO ENTER 2ND DIVISION

Cricket representatives of the different naval ships had a meeting early in the week to discuss Royal Navy's cricket prospects for the season, and it is understood that they decided to run a team in Second Division of the League.

It seems a great pity that exigencies of the service should preclude Navy's participation in the Premier League, for they have always been able to field a fairly strong side.

LANEFORD'S DOUBLE FIGURES

In a friendly football game on Club ground yesterday Laneford beat Club by 10 goals to 4 after leading at the interval by 5 goals to 1.

Laneford possessed a good forward line, in which Kwok Pui-lai and Leung Ping-pui, the wingers, shone. Cheong, in goal in place of R. Marques, played quite well and brought off several good saves, while Lui Hin-hon and Chan Man-sien were safe backs.

Club started with nine men and were soon in difficulties against the accurate and rapid passing of the Laneford forwards, being completely unable to cope with Kwong Pui-lai and Leung Ping-pui, who were the main cause of danger.

Sloan, Ege and Kennard were the best Club defenders, while in the forward line Forrow and Gow were outstanding.

Forrow scored all four goals for his side and Kwok Lai-fai (3), Chin Kan-sang (2), Leung Ping-kwan (2), Leung Ping-pui (2) and Ng Sui-fook scored for Laneford.

Club:—Bailey, Sloan and Kennard; Ege, Skinner and Needham; Hopkinson, Gow, Gilchrist, Forrow and Gratton.

Laneford:—T. L. Cheong; Lee Hui-lum and Chan Man-sien; T. H. Edgar, J. Lodge and C. Carr; Kwok Lai-fai, Chin Kan-sang, Leung Ping-kwan, Leung Ping-pui and Ng Sui-fook.

SAINTS BEAT R.A.O.C.

AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY, ST. JOSEPH'S BEAT ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS BY 7 GOALS TO 2 IN A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL GAME.

This was the first practice game played by either team, but they were not at full strength, Hussain, Santos and Castilho being absentees from St. Joseph's side, while Duffield and Emberson were missed by Ordnance.

Twydale played a good game at centre-half for Saints and was well assisted by P. Castro at right-half. Tong, a newcomer, tackled and positioned well but was not too sure in his clearances. In the attack D. Leonard and Lee Wai-lam, right-winger of Engineers, who completed the team, were outstanding.

Reynolds strained a muscle while kicking in and in the second half was seen in the forward line.

Adams defended well, while in the Ordnance intermediate line Roberts was the best.

Saints led at half-time by 5 goals to 1, scored by Ho Ying-fan, Lee Wai-lam (2), Leonard and Lopez, while Hobson netted for Ordnance.

Goals by Leonard and Lee Wai-lam for St. Joseph's and Reynolds from a penalty were scored in the second half.

R.A.O.C.:—Reynolds; Adams and Russell; Nichols, Roberts and Line (Standing); Cole, Hobson, Howlson, Harding and Pennington.

St. Joseph's:—S. Tsang; J. A. Tong and W. Maher; P. Castro, Twydale and Lau Wing-kyong; Ho Ying-fan, Lee Wai-lam, D. Leonard, J. Souza and T. Lopez.

Len Hutton, who had a broken arm reset twice during the winter, is playing cricket again and scored 88 at Dartington.

V.R.C., VENUE OF H. K. AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, DATES BACK TO 1872

By "Incog."

IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHICH WILL COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 25 AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CLUB IS NOT OUT OF PLACE, ESPECIALLY AS THERE MUST BE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING NOT A FEW MEMBERS OF V.R.C., WHO DO NOT KNOW WHEN THIS ORGANISATION FIRST CAME INTO EXISTENCE.

Opinion varies regarding the actual date of the inauguration of the club. Some claim that V.R.C. dates back to the late forties, while others say that it was not till about 1870-71 that Victoria Recreation Club came into existence. Be that as it may, however, it has been ascertained that it was sometime in October or November, 1872, that the club was officially opened.

There was a time when V.R.C. moved over to the Kowloon side of the harbour, but this was a temporary measure, and as soon as arrangements were possible for re-transfer to the island, in about 1907, the matter was put in hand without delay.

It was about this time that permission was sought, and granted, for the erection of the present club-house which, since then, has been added to and improved upon from time to time.

In this connection it is interesting to recall that but a year or so ago, a "windfall," in the form of a legacy of £1,000, came for the club under the will of the late Mr. Thomas Meek, who for many years was one of its leading members. Proposals were made to spend the money upon extension but these were "shelved" temporarily, it being decided that the time was not opportune to commit the club to any heavy expenditure, the unexpected but very welcome gift notwithstanding.

In the earlier part of its history, V.R.C. catered, to a considerable extent, for yachting, rowing, gymnastics and physical training, in addition to swimming, and though rowing and the gymnasium still form part of the activities of the club to-day, it is swimming that commands the biggest following. Yachting interest has died out almost entirely.

Boxing Tournaments

Time was when boxing played a big part in the activities of the club, so much so that for a number of years Amateur Boxing Championships were staged by the club, with a special tournament open to schools in the Colony.

V.R.C. also held athletic meetings annually, on Hong Kong Football Club's ground.

Generally regarded as the parent-body of swimming in Hong Kong, V.R.C. has looked after arrangements for all Interport Swimming contests, and they also run the annual Colony Swimming Championships, in connection with which are the following notes on the form of some of the leading aspirants:

DAVID HUTCHINSON, 100 yards free-style champion of the Colony, has not shown consistent form this season. His obvious lack of training in the early part of this season was proven at the Y.M.C.A.—University gala, when he was beaten by Charles Huang in the poor time of 60.1/5 seconds.

However, this had the effect of making him concentrate more on training, but the delay told on him as Tsui Hang took first place in the Charity Gala, clocking 57 seconds as against his 57.3 secs. He has since contracted ear trouble which further interfered with his training schedule.

Opinion is that he will reach the 100 finishing line first, as he has a technically perfect stroke, with the accent on smoothness, and his turns give him a foot's advantage on any other swimmer in the Colony.

Steadily Improving

CHARLES HUANG, V.R.C.'s best middle and long distance man, is slowly improving and his style is decidedly better than last year. He has to contend with Chun-nam, Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping. Lai Tsun's stars, who have all beaten him over the 440 Yards in open events this

season. However, he is not discouraged as in these races he was pacing his opponents who are "one-pace" swimmers. As Huang himself was heard to say, "I shan't make the same old mistake and keep up with them, but I'll swim my own race and pip them at the post."

Huang's sprinting has improved considerably, his excellent time of 58.2/5 recently in the 100 Yards making him a strong challenger to David Hutchinson and Tsui Hang. This factor will weigh considerably in his favour when he swims in the 220 Yards, and he may just win this event from Chan Chun-nam and Yau Sai-kwan.

A. K. RUMJAHN, Colony's 100 Yards back-stroke champion, is showing better form now, and his best time is 70.3/5 seconds, clocked in the heats a week ago yesterday.

He has very strong challengers in Poon Wing-kai, Lau Yiu-ting, A. V. Lopes and particularly W. Lawrence. However, he should be able to win the 100 yards, but the heats in the newly inaugurated 220 yards back-stroke suggested he lacks the necessary stamina.

LIONEL ROZA-PEREIRA, the Diving champion, has been busy training his pupils and practising his own dives, and there does not appear to be anybody, with the possible exception of Ed. da Roza, who can polish up their dives sufficiently to rob him of his title.

Taylor Unavailable

D. H. TAYLOR, V.R.C.'s sprinter-de-luxe has not swum at all this season, being under doctor's orders.

G. SAUNDERS, new member of V.R.C., is a keen youngster who makes a beautiful entry in his well-performed dives. He, however, needs more experience to be able to provide a serious challenge to V.R.C.'s first string divers.

He is also capable of turning in the fast time of 28.2/5 for the 50 Yards, and will swim third string in the relays.

C. SILVA-NETTO, who long ago showed promise of developing into a top-flight swimmer, has been unfortunate to be stricken by one illness after another. It is feared that he has not recuperated sufficiently to be able to provide serious opposition to the other Colony stars.

W. LAWRENCE, former Colony champion and holder of the 220 Yards free-style record, is now past his prime, but still trains whenever his duties permit, specialising in the back-stroke. He is almost certain to win the 220 Yards back-stroke, and is the only man likely to beat Rumjahn over the 100 Yards.

Fine All-Rounders

MISS VIVIANNE CHURN, Colony lady champion over the shorter distances, has shown decided improvement and is a certainty for the 50 Yards and 100 Yards free-style. She had the misfortune to be disqualified in a heat in the 50 Yards breast-stroke—she won it easily—following a faulty turn.

She has the ideal figure for a swimmer and her supporters will be disappointed if a couple of re-

As the South China A. A. pavilion and swimming pitch at North Point have been badly damaged by the typhoon, the Hong Kong Chinese Swimming Championships cannot now be held there.

Permission for the use of the Victoria Recreation Club bath has been granted and the championships will be held there tomorrow and on Sunday and Monday, commencing at 7.30 p.m. each evening.

CORDS are not broken by her this year.

MISS JACQUELINE ANDERSON, who is under the expert coaching of Lionel Roza-Pereira, has also shown improvement, and will provide the most serious challenge to Miss Churn.

Unlike the majority of her colleagues, "Jackie" is essentially a "power-swimmer." She has proven to be an adept pupil in diving, and may probably win the new event, women's diving, from the 3-metre board.

MISS CELESTE GUTERRES, Harbour Race and long distance champion, has also shown herself to be a sprinter of no mean ability.

She should finish very close to Miss Churn in the 220 Yards where her endurance should carry her through. Although no match for Miss Lily Sadick in the back-stroke, she appears a certainty for second place.

Inconsistent Training

MISS IRENE LOPES, has managed to iron out a couple of her faults in style, but her training has not been consistent.

She is invaluable in the relays, and is also very good in the back-stroke, and, with a little more hard training, should be more than a threat to the other "A" class swimmers.

MISS MYRA NORONHA, one of the most popular of the lady supporters of the V.R.C., astonished almost everyone by beating Miss Ko Mui-ling and Miss Lo Po-kum (Lai Tsun) on July 12, using the butterfly-stroke, and she stands a chance of coming second to Miss Li Po-tuen in the 50 Yards breast-stroke championship.

She is also first reserve for the V.R.C. ladies' free-style quartette.

MISS EILEEN GRANT has yet to correct her major fault of pulling with her arms sideways, and when she does her future in local swimming will brighten immensely.

The Yolle sisters, YVONNE and JEANNETTE, are practising hard to graduate from V.R.C. "B" class and are up and coming swimmers.

MISS MARGUERITE GUTIERREZ, MISS VIVIAN RULL, AND MISS THERESE YVANO-VICH, the three most promising of the host of V.R.C. girls, are being coached, and more should be heard of them next season.

RECREIO BOWLS CHANGES

Club de Recreio are making a few changes in both their First Division Lawn Bowls League teams for this week-end's games.

In the "A" team Roza-Pereira is the only skip to retain the same rink. Alves will have Marques and C. G. Silva at Nos. 2 and 3 respectively instead of C. M. Silva and Noronha, while J. F. V. Ribeiro will take over skip's duties from C. G. Silva and will have J. Luz, C. M. Silva and L. Xavier as his front men, as against Luz, Silva and Xavier for C. G. Silva in the last game.

In the "B" team Basto has the same four, but Guterres will have Vas, Carvalho and Soares as his front men instead of J. A. Remedios and A. M. Rodrigues, the last-named taking over Souza's rink of Pereira, J. A. Remedios and J. C. Remedios, as against Souza's rink of Pereira, Alves and J. C. Remedios.

Hong Kong Football Club, whose last Second Division Lawn Bowls League match was against Prison Officers' Club, will be playing their return match against the same team on Saturday, and are fielding exactly the same team as for their first game, which they won on all three rinks.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" have made one change, in Meyer's rink, Newton going to No. 2 in place of Wallis and Drew coming in at No. 3 in place of Newton.

The Third Division team, who have not had a game since August 30, has been only slightly altered, though Wallis's rink is the only one unchanged. Searle will take over skipping duties from Nish, who will be No. 3, while Sir Athol MacGregor comes in at No. 2 in this rink in place of Sherriff. Jordan will have Elphick at No. 1 instead of Blacknell.

Following are the selected teams:

CLUB DE RECREIO
First Division "A" (v Civil Service C.C.):—F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz, F. V. Ribeiro, C. Roza-Pereira (skip); J. Luz, C. M. Silva, L. Xavier, J. V. Ribeiro (skip); F. X. Silva, C. E. Marques, C. G. Silva, H. A. Alves (skip).

First Division "B" (v Police R.C.):—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes, J. J. Basto (skip); A. P. Pereira, J. A. Remedios, J. C. Remedios, A. M. Rodrigues (skip); C. F. Vas, M. A. Carvalho, J. Soares, A. P. Guterres (skip).

HONG KONG F. C.
Second Division (v Prison Officers' Club, away):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby, W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. Gelling, C. Needham, W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank, K. S. Robertson (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.
"B" First Division (v C.C.C. Away) at 4 p.m.:—A. J. Rogers, V. C. Dixon, P. A. Peckham and L. Sykes (Skip); H. L. Lockhart, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie (Skip); P. Holloway, I. Newton, H. E. Drew and J. G. Meyer (Skip).

Third Division (v P.R.C. Away) at 4 p.m.:—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, H. Nish and E. V. Searle (Skip); W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinnen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (Skip); H. Elphick, S. C. Walker, C. E. Langley and L. A. Jordan (Skip).

CIVIL SERVICE
C.C.C. (v Recreio "A" Away) at 4 p.m.:—E. W. C. Shimmonds, C. J. Walker, L. A. Collyer and J. F. McGowan (Skip); H. McKay, M. Scott, V. S. Ebbe and M. N. Rakusen (Skip); J. Gallaty, P. D. Crawley, M. E. Purvis and W. R. Hillyer (Skip).

"CHINA MAIL" CUP BOWLS COMPETITION

LAWN-BOWLING MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEERS HELD A MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS YESTERDAY WHEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL INTER-UNIT COMPETITION FOR THE "CHINA MAIL" CUP WERE FINALISED.

It was announced that entries for the competition would close on October 6, the first block of matches being scheduled for the morning of October 12. Last year the entries totalled 38, and indications are that this number will be exceeded this year.

Major F. Filippucci was elected chairman of the committee in charge of the competition, with Sergt. J. G. Moyer as Hon. Secretary and S/Sergt. M. N. Rakusen as Hon. Treasurer. The Committee comprises C.Q.M.S., Baptista, L/Cpl. A. Bowen and a representative from Corps Artillery.

EASTERN EXPERIMENTS TO-DAY

ROYAL ENGINEERS, NEWCOMERS TO FIRST DIVISION OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST REAL TEST WHEN THEY MEET EASTERN IN A FRIENDLY GAME AT SOOKUNPOO THIS AFTERNOON AT 5.45 P.M.

Sappers are making no changes in the team which beat Club 7-3 last Saturday, but Eastern will be making a number of changes in their side.

As changing of players will be permitted, Eastern will be playing both Hsu King-seng and Chang Kam-hoi in the pivotal position in each period, while Lau Fook-chuen will be seen at inside-right. Hau Ching-to, who did not play against Police last Sunday, will also be seen in action.

Following are the teams:
R.E.:—Moxham, Palmer, Fielding, Chan Ping-yuen, Shaw, Taylor, Li Wai-lam, Birrell, Pelham, Fox and Jones.
Eastern (from the following):—Lau Hin-chon, Ng Kee-cheong, Y. S. Yin, Lo Wai-kuen, Hsu King-seng, Chan Kam-hoi, Kui Wai-fuk, Chung Yung-sun, Lau Fook-chuen, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tsao, Yuen Yau-lam and Hau Ching-to.

FALLACE AND EARDLEY UNAVAILABLE

Club will be without Fallace and Eardley, who are on duty, for their friendly soccer game against Sing Tao on the Club ground on Saturday.

Owing to the typhoon on Tuesday, the Football Committee could not meet and 12 players have been requested to attend. All present at the field will have a game and those unable to play are requested to inform V. G. H. Upton, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire as soon as possible.

Following are the players:—S. A. Fowler, Upton, Forrow, Bond, Gilchrist, A. Odell, J. Skinner, Millington, Hopkinson, E. Strange, F. Fowler and Bickford.

CHINESE TO MEET REST XI ON OCT. 10

At a meeting of the League Management committee yesterday it was decided that the Charity game on October 10 be played at Caroline Hill in aid of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China and be between Combined Chinese and "Rest of the Colony."

It was also decided that as a curtain-raiser a match be played between Combined Chinese and "Rest of the League" players, to be selected from those competing in the Junior Divisions.

The selections of the teams have been left to a later date, thus affording an opportunity of seeing the leading players in action during the next fortnight.

REFEREES' CLASSES

The sixth lecture on Soccer Laws Nos. 13 and 14 on Free Kicks and Penalty Kicks will again be delivered at Scandal Point Hall on Thursday, 18th instant at 7 p.m. in order that those who failed to attend the last meeting on account of the typhoon need not miss the complete series of the lectures. All are welcome.

CRAIGENGOWER CELEBRATION

Members and friends of Craigen-gower Cricket Club spent a very enjoyable time last evening when the Cosmopolitan Party gave a concert in aid of the Bomber Fund. This followed the dinner held in celebration of Craigen-gower's success in the Senior Division of the Lawn Bowls League.

OFFICIALS FOR OPENING SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are the appointments for the opening fixtures in the Hong Kong Football League, which commences on Saturday, September 27:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

First Division
Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Emmons.
Linesmen:—Messrs. K. P. King and Winsor.
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Mitchell.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Edwards and Pike.

Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Kossick.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Ient and Lal Yuk-tat.

Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Omar.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Fraser and Carley.

Second Division
Police v Service Corps (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Silva.
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Fraser.

Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Ip.
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Foster.

7th R.A. v Ordnance (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Crosby.
Kit Chee v 12th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Ford.

Third Division
University v 20th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Copsey.

965th R.A. v 12th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Thorley.

24th R.A. v Medicals (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Barretto.

7th R.A. v Signals (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Demmee.

Pung Ngai v Shell (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Taylor.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

First Division
Royal Scots v Navy (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Smith.
Linesmen:—Messrs. P. W. Sze and B. T. Lee.

South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Glover.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Williamson and Wilson.

Second Division

Royal Scots v Signals (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Beard.

South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Banham.

Third Division

30th R.A. v 30th R.A. (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Adams.

Air Force v Service Corps (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Baker.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Second Division
Sing Tao v South China (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Williamson.
Engineers v Kwong Wah (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Wilson.

Kowloon v Royal Scots (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Carley.

Club v Signals (Club, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Barretto.

7th R.A. v Police (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Copsey.
Ordnance v Service Corps (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Thorley.

Kit Chee v Middlesex (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Banham.

12th R.A. v Eastern (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Demmee.

Third Division
965th R.A. v 24th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. K. P. King.

12th R.A. v Medicals (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Winsor.

30th R.A. v University (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Edwards.

30th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—P. W. Sze.

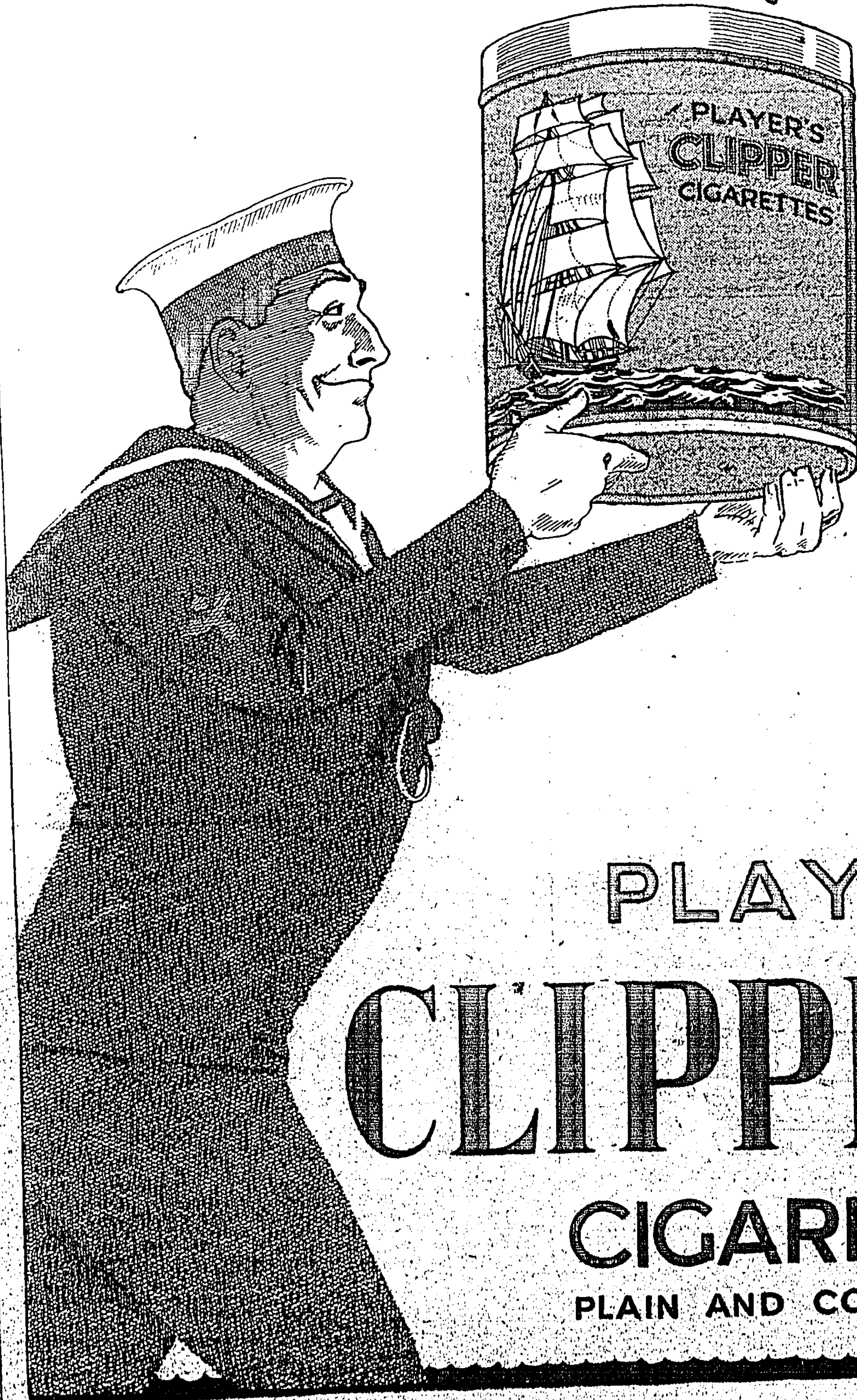
Pung Ngai v Air Force (Prince Edward Rd., 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Pike.

Signals v Laneford (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Ient.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Third Division
Shell v Service Corps (St. Joseph's, 5.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Y. T. Lai.

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BRITISH SUBMARINE LOST

"The Board of Admiralty regret to announce that H.M. submarine P32 (Lt. D. A. B. Abdy) is overdue and must be considered lost. Next of kin have been informed," says an Admiralty communique issued in London last night.—Reuter.

LARDER OF DEMOCRACY

The New York "Daily News" is running a series of articles by its own correspondent, Grace Robinson, revealing the enormous upswing in food production in the Mid-Western States.

The first article was headed "Isolationist states help win British food war."

This investigation tour of the big five defence food states

Tobruk Under Heavy Shellfire

THE SWAYING BATTLE IN THE LIBYAN - EGYPTIAN FRONTIER AREA WHICH FOLLOWED THE GERMAN ATTACK WAS DESCRIBED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

It was stated that after the initial enemy attack had been repulsed the British forces returned to their original line.

Bringing up 20 tanks the enemy made another attack which forced the British back between six and seven miles.

But by nightfall the British were again back in their original positions. Five enemy tanks were destroyed.

The enemy's action has apparently been in the nature of a reconnaissance in force, with the idea of bombarding the frontier and at Tobruk to "lay out the land" but there is no indication of preparation for an immediate operation by the enemy on a large scale.

proved that nervous New Yorkers need not worry about wartime pantries.

The English likewise may know that pork, canned tomatoes and evaporated milk from America will not fail them.

The American farmer has done a remarkable job in speeding up food production, the article says.—Reuter.

Heavy Shelling

Yesterday's British G.H.Q. communique from Cairo stated: "Following our raids from Tobruk the enemy shelling of our forward positions is still heavy in the east but has decreased against the south and west sectors."

"In the frontier area advanced elements of British and South African mechanised forces are continuing their patrolling activities."

"In the Gondar area the last remnants of the Italian army in Abyssinia have been invested since the capture of the main enemy forces and weather conditions have now permitted a resumption of our offensive activities."

"During the past few days patrols from our troops have been in contact with the enemy holding defended positions in Gondar."—Reuter.

AMERICAN LEGION FOR ALL AID

THE AMERICAN LEGION, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF VETERANS OF THE LAST WORLD WAR AND IS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE U.S., PASSED A RESOLUTION YESTERDAY PROPOSING THE REMOVAL OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

The resolution also demanded the defeat of Hitler and all he stands for and favoured repeal of the American Neutrality Act.

The resolution was greeted with shouts of approval and was carried orally.—Reuter.

PACIFIC DEFENCE STRATEGY

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Questioned regarding Thailand, Sir Robert said relations with that country were better. They had come to realise, he said, that we were their friends, and they looked to us for advice, as witness their sending two officers to look at our defence plans and to see the working of our fighter squadrons.

"I shouldn't have thought such a thing possible a few months ago," Sir Robert said.

Thailand's Attitude

In reply to another question Sir Robert agreed that Thailand had begun to show an independent attitude towards Japan. They were realising, he said, that they should not become too much dependent, economically and financially, upon Japan.

Admiral Layton told a questioner that the radio report that a raider was at large in the Pacific and that a number of ships had fallen victim, was untrue.—Reuter.

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SCANDALOUS RUMOUR

Foreman On Squeeze Allegation

MR. C. W. E. BISHOP, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATERWORKS CONSTRUCTION, GAVE EVIDENCE BRIEFLY AT TO-DAY'S RESUMPTION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF EVIDENCE BY THE CRESSALL COMMISSION.

A Chinese witness, Tsang Pui-fan, foreman in the P.W.D., gave evidence that payments into his banking account at the Underwriters Bank were of money which belonged to his sister.

He told the Commission he was aware of scandalous rumours that he had been accepting squeeze, and said there was no truth in them.

After stating that he was a foreman at \$75 a month, witness was asked if he could speak English and on stating that he could was further asked if he would like to answer the questions in that language. He replied that he preferred to speak Chinese.

The chairman, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, then asked when he was first employed in the Public Works Department and witness stated that this was in 1937 when he was transferred from the Shung Mun Reservoir Scheme.

Chairman: Do you know Mr. Campbell?—Yes sir.

Were you employed by him in the Shing Mun Reservoir Scheme?—Yes sir.

You were an office boy then, were you?—No sir. I was a checker.

What pay were you getting then?—\$25 a month.

How long were you on the job?—For six months. Then I was transferred to the office.

February Deposit

How long were you in the office?—Up to 1937. When the reservoir was finished I was still employed there as a charger.

On how much a month?—I believe it was \$175 a day.

Did you open an account in the Underwriters Bank in 1937?—Yes sir.

You opened this account by depositing \$20?—Yes sir.

In February 1937 you deposited \$170?—Yes sir.

Where did you get the money from?—This money belonged to my sister.

What is the name of your sister?—Mrs. Leung.

Where does she live?—I think the address is No. 84 Caine Road, I am not sure.

And you got the money from her?—She asked me to bank it.

Why didn't she bank it herself, in her own name?—Because she cannot read.

Have you given it back to her yet?—Yes sir.

When?—At different times, when she needed money she asked for it.

And have you given it all back to her?—Yes sir.

No Receipt Necessary

Have you got a receipt?—No sir, because we are brother and sister a receipt was not necessary.

You trust one another?—Certainly sir.

On May 22, 1937, you deposited \$210?—Yes sir.

Where did you get it from, is it your savings on \$1.75 a day?—Again this money belonged to my sister.

What is your sister doing?—I don't know. I was working in Shing Mun and only saw her at week-ends.

But didn't she tell you what she was doing?—No sir, but she said the money was to be laid aside for her marriage, her "marriage fund."

All Her Money

Is she married now?—Yes. On June 24 you deposited another \$200?—Yes sir.

And on August 9, you deposited \$200. Is that her money?—Yes sir, all this is her money.

Now, on November 1, you deposited \$200?—Yes sir.

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31 KILLED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THIRTY-ONE WERE KILLED AND MANY INJURED IN THE SERIES OF MYSTERIOUS BLASTS WHICH SANK TWO OF THREE SWEDISH DESTROYERS IN STOCKHOLM YESTERDAY.

Investigation of the explosions has started though there are few details. The evening papers ascribed the tragedy to the mishandling of torpedoes or an explosion in the boilers.—International News Service.



NEW DEEP SHELTERS FOR LONDON—New deep shelters which experts have been tunnelling under London streets for ten months will be opened to the public early in November. They radiate from Tube stations. These deep refuges, designed purely as shelters, will be equipped with power points to which heaters may be attached. Photo shows work in a main tunnel constructed of concrete segments.

MR. GREW REPORTED CALLED HOME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Melbourne radio reported yesterday (without confirmation) that Mr. Joseph Grew, United States Ambassador in Tokyo, has been summoned to Washington for consultations. The report said Mr. Grew would leave in the next few weeks.—International News Service.

TURKEY IN INVASION DANGER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In a despatch from the German frontier the London "Daily Express" says Turkey is in "imminent danger of invasion," due to "the extremely urgent German need for oil."

The paper also reports that Bulgaria has called three classes to the colours and that 50 families of Russian Legation officials in Sofia have arrived at Istanbul.—International News Service.

PARIS SHOOTING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Handbills issued by Communists have appeared in Paris threatening reprisals against 10 Nazis for every hostage shot.

The German authorities in Paris yesterday issued warning posters and announcements in the press that a continuation of the anti-German activities would result in the execution not only of

Myron Taylor Rumour

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. CORDELL HULL, DECLARED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY HE HAD NO INFORMATION CONCERNING A REPORT THAT MR. MYRON TAYLOR, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, HAD REQUESTED THE POPE TO DECLARE THE WAR JUST AGAINST NAZISM.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Communist hostages but of other citizens of Paris.—International News Service.



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Resolution At Liberal Nationalist Meeting Hore-Belisha And Atlantic Charter

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, WELCOMING THE ATLANTIC CHARTER, RECORDING ADMIRATION FOR THE RUSSIAN DEFENCE AND APPROVING SPEEDY AID FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE, WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF LIBERAL NATIONALISTS HELD IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Two Cabinet Ministers, namely Lord Simon, Lord Chancellor, and Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health, attended the conference together with two ex-Ministers, namely, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, former Minister of War, and Mr. Leslie Burgin, former Minister for Transport.

Lord Teviot, moving the resolution, said: "Uppermost in our minds now is how we can best help the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, and how we can best help those gallant men and women who have come from all parts of the Empire to tackle the frightful tragedy foisted upon the world by that super-Satan, Hitler."

The ex-War Minister, Mr. Hore-Belisha, supporting the resolution, expressed the hope that the Atlantic Charter signed by Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt, would be a prelude to the adoption of common citizenships between Britain and America.

He added: "If we can replace the Declaration of Independence by a Declaration of Inter-Independence we shall have laid the firmest foundation for permanent peace in the whole world." — Reuter.

A memorial service for the late Professor Hsu Ti-shan, of Hong Kong University, will be held by local cultural organisations at the Confucian Hall on Sunday, at 3 p.m.

Captain Lossius 88

Captain J. Lossius is celebrating his 88th birthday in Cheungchau today, our Cheungchau correspondent writes.

It was nearly another anniversary of another kind, the fatal 18th day of September, 1906, when a typhoon sprung up suddenly, caused the deaths of thousands and piled up the wrecks in the harbour, the Captain's among them.

Cheungchau had a trying experience in the long blow of Tuesday, residents being deprived of sleep while great damage was done to gardens and the island's trees.

Two mines exploded, but there are no reports of damage.

GERMAN N.C.O. DIES OF PARIS WOUNDS

A German N.C.O. who was gravely wounded by someone unknown on Tuesday night near the Paris Gare de l'Est died yesterday morning, says the Vichy news agency quoted by Reuter.

R.A.F. SWOOP ON BETHUNE

Two squadrons of Blenheim bombers escorted by a strong formation of fighters attacked the power plant at Mazingarbe, near Bethune, yesterday afternoon.

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON THAT BOMBS WERE SEEN TO HIT THE TARGET AND FIRES WERE STARTED.

German fighters attempted to prevent the attack but failed. At least six German fighters are known to have been destroyed.

One Blenheim bomber and seven British fighters were lost but one British fighter pilot was later rescued from the sea by the R.A.F. Sea Rescue Service.

German fighters attempted to interfere with the rescue operation but were driven off by British fighter patrols, one German plane being shot down.

Observers along the English Channel state that the weather was excellent with remarkably clear visibility when the British planes raced across to the French coast.

Sky Full Of 'Planes

Another big force swept across the French coast last evening.

The sky was described as being full of Spitfires and Hurricanes, some flying at a great height. Other fighters, however, were only just above sea-level.

Shortly afterwards heavy explosions were heard from the French coast.—Reuter.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE IN R.A.F. RAID ON BETHUNE

VERY CONSIDERABLE damage was caused when the R.A.F., as reported earlier, carried out a raid on the power plant at Mazingarbe, near Bethune, yesterday afternoon.

The Air Ministry news service says the plant is an important one, having batteries of coke ovens and plant for the production of synthetic ammonia, synthetic petrol, alcohol, benzol, methanol and ether, together with a thermic power station.

The attack was delivered in two parts in quick succession to each other. The first wave of Blenheims had hardly delivered their bombs before the second wave was ready.

Continuous explosions appeared to come from over the entire works — one explosion every few seconds.

One large fire was seen to take hold in the centre of the works, where bombs exploded on a large container.

All In Flames

Describing this one pilot said: "I saw what appeared to be gas containers blow up. The top blew off and the sides fell away. It was all in flames."

The efforts of German fighters to pierce the screen of British fighters and stop the bombers failed, and the bombers observed fires still spreading when they left. — Reuter.

LAMOTTE PICQUET RUMOUR

FORMALLY DENYING REPORTS EMANATING FROM CHUNGKING, THE INDO-CHINA GOVERNMENT-GENERAL YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT THE VOYAGE OF THE CRUISER LAMOTTE PICQUET TO JAPAN IS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE FRANCO-JAPANESE AGREEMENT.

The cruiser left Saigon recently for Osaka for repairs and

NEW NAZI SPURT SLACKENS

Berlin reports that they have pierced the outer defences of Leningrad are reminiscent of the claim they made about Kiev two months ago.

What is really means, it is difficult to judge.

Leningrad's outer defences began at the Estonian frontier and were penetrated long ago. These stretches from this point to Leningrad, a dense and continuous defence zone without any definite "lines" or "rings."

The German claim, therefore, may mean that no particular changes have occurred in the Leningrad area.

Several indications suggest that the new spurt of energy which gained impetus last week and was designed to capture Leningrad "at all costs" within three or four days, has already reached its climax and now shows signs of slackening. — Special Cable.

dry docking, as facilities are lacking in Indo-China.

The Lamotte Picquet, major French warship in the Far East, played a decisive part in the main naval engagement of the Thai-Indo-China war.—Reuter.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK ON RECOVERY OF MANCHURIA

STRESSING THAT recovery of the North-Eastern Provinces is one of the goals of China's war against Japan, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek re-affirmed the Government's determination to continue the war, regardless of sacrifices, until the territorial integrity of the whole of China is restored, in a message commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Japanese invasion of Manchuria.

It should be known to all, said the Generalissimo, that the lives of Chinese inside the Great Wall and the lives of Chinese in the North-Eastern Provinces are one, and that territorial integrity for China, proper and territorial integrity for the North-East is indivisible.

"China," emphasised the Generalissimo, "shall permit no inch of territory to be detached from her. Survive, we survive together; and die, we die together."

The huge sacrifices China has undergone in the last ten years of struggle, asserted the Generalissimo, have been made willingly because of one objective, namely the liberation and independence of the Chinese nation and the freedom of the people to live their own lives.

Geographically and strategically, added the Generalissimo, the North-East is an integral part of China. He pointed out that the North-East is the home of 30,000,000 fine Chinese people, 240,000,000 acres of farmland, 200,000,000 mow of land that has not yet been cultivated, 600,000,000 mow of forests, 8,000,000,000 tons of minerals.

In other words, these Provinces are China's richest storehouse, indispensable to China's immense programme of reconstruction.

Not only China's independence, but also future stability in the Far East, said the Generalissimo, hinges on the settlement of the Manchurian problem, because so long as the North-East remains in Japanese hands so long will China's war continue. — Central News.

MAMANTOFF MURDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tsang Sing-ou, arrested by the French police in Shanghai yesterday, confessed he was a "go-between" in the murder last Sunday of Serge Mamantoff, former Russian newsman.

Tsang told the police he received \$300 to find a man to murder Mamantoff and was promised an additional \$2,000 if the attempt was successful.

Meanwhile the police are holding numerous other Chinese suspects, believed to be connected with the crime, as well as Eugene Hovans, Russian actor.—International News Service.

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Soviet Smashes Attempt To Take Islands In Gulf

EASTERN FRONT ANALYSIS

(By "Annalist")

The German communique yesterday made a revealing statement although it does not constitute a claim.

It said that in the east, offensive actions are developing into one operation on a very big scale.

This bears out the Russian communique, which again speaks of stubborn fighting along the whole front.

The testimony of both Russians and Germans, therefore, is in agreement, mainly that the fierce German onslaught is matched by stubborn Russian resistance.

Thus, after 80 days of fighting, both sides are still straining for victory and neither can claim any major or decisive battles. — Reuter.

Less Than Justice

But this bald analysis of the position does less than justice to the Soviet defence. In order to appreciate the measures of their success it is only necessary to quote the bulletins of the German High Command after the first fortnight and three weeks of war.

The road was stated to be open to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev while the Russian forces were described as a disorganised rabble without leadership and co-ordination.

These reports of the High Command were not propaganda fairy tales issued by Goebbels' loud-speakers. They are the damning evidence of the unreliability of the German bulletins.

Stupendous Effort

It is clear that desperate fighting is still proceeding. The German effort undoubtedly has been stupendous but it has been matched by the Soviet resistance and losses on both sides have been astronomical.

But the Russian is fighting for his hearth and home. The German soldier, if he does think at all, must be asking himself: Why all this sacrifice?

Certainly people in Germany are beginning to murmur and show their anxiety.

Most significant feature of yesterday's news was the claim made in unofficial Soviet quarters to have scored another big success in the Smolensk area near Yartsevo, near Yelnya, where they won a big battle last week.

From a strategical viewpoint the fighting in this central zone is by far the most important. — Reuter.

GROWING INTENSITY OF BATTLE

According to latest reports from Moscow the battle for Leningrad is growing in intensity with the Germans increasing their pressure and the Russians stiffening their defences on land and sea and in the air.

Reports describe the recapture by the Red Army of a village on a cross-roads leading to Leningrad. The battle was fierce in character.

SEVERE GERMAN LOSSES IN VAIN

(By Reuter's Resident Correspondent in Moscow)

THE IMPORTANCE of the Soviet victory in smashing a German attempt to land forces on the Soviet-held islands of Ezel and Moon, at the entrance of Riga Bay and partly commanding the Gulf of Finland, is emphasised by the promotion yesterday of Major-General of the coastal defences Alexis Yeliseev to the rank of Lieutenant-General.

It was he who commanded various sections of the Soviet Baltic Navy concerned in beating off the Germans.

While the Soviets hold Ezel and other islands in the same group stretching north and south across the entrance of Riga Bay, it not only means that a German move into the Finnish Gulf would be very difficult but also that German possession of Riga naval base is practically valueless.

A despatch describing the German attempt states that the first expedition which tried to approach the islands at dawn on Saturday was beaten off after only a four-hour battle.

The second effort, however, which began on Sunday with a much larger number of smaller vessels, lasted until Tuesday and some German forces at one time succeeded in getting a foothold before being thrown back into the sea.

Transports Sunk

Aboard each of the six transports used on Saturday, of which four were sunk, were up to 2,500 Germans.

They were protected by eight destroyers, of which one was sunk, and eleven motor torpedo-boats, of which ten were sunk.

The second effort was made from neighbouring ports on the mainland. The Germans lost one large and many small transports. THE LAND BATTLE AFTER SOME OF THE GERMANS HAD SUCCEEDED IN LANDING WAS VERY BITTER. EVERY YARD

SUPPLY SHIPS FOR U.S. NAVAL BASES

Rear-Admiral Adolphus Andrews, Commandant of the 3rd Naval District, announced in New York yesterday that the U.S. Navy has arranged to use 17 merchantmen as supply ships to naval bases outside the continental United States.

Several have been put into service and the remainder will be ready shortly. All the ships will be manned with civilian crews. — Reuter.

as the Germans had planned to launch a powerful new thrust from the village.

Naval artillery gave support to land forces who stormed the enemy positions with no regard for themselves. The village was recaptured after very heavy losses had been inflicted on the Nazis.

The enemy is reported to be hurling in new forces and concentrating vast curtains of fire in order to break the resistance of the defenders.

Battle is also reported to be engaging on the distant sea approaches to Leningrad where the Germans are repeatedly attempting to capture Oesel and other islands controlling Riga Bay and the southern entrance to the Gulf of Finland.

After a four-hour battle last Saturday the Russians sank four to six enemy transports, one destroyer, ten cutters and many small ships. The ships comprising the raiding fleet fled.

Parachutists were used in another unsuccessful attack. — British Wireless.

WAS CONTESTED.

Several thousand Germans were killed in this second operation, making the total for both attempts extremely costly. — Reuter.

AMERICA FINANCING SOVIET ORDERS

It was officially announced yesterday that the United States is providing \$100,000,000 for Russia to purchase war material in the United States, says Reuter.

ADOLF PEEVED

Hitler has been trying lately to show contempt for English gentlemen but when writing "Mein Kampf" he thought them wonderful, and probably still does, says the "New Yorker."

We have an idea the aristocratic bad manners of the British were what drove him to the Russian campaign.

The Fuehrer could stand plenty but when Mr. Churchill spoke of him, publicly as a "bloody guttersnipe" he blew up, more at the noun than the adjective, and flung his armies against the Soviet trying to promote a crusade to save Christian gentility! — Reuter.

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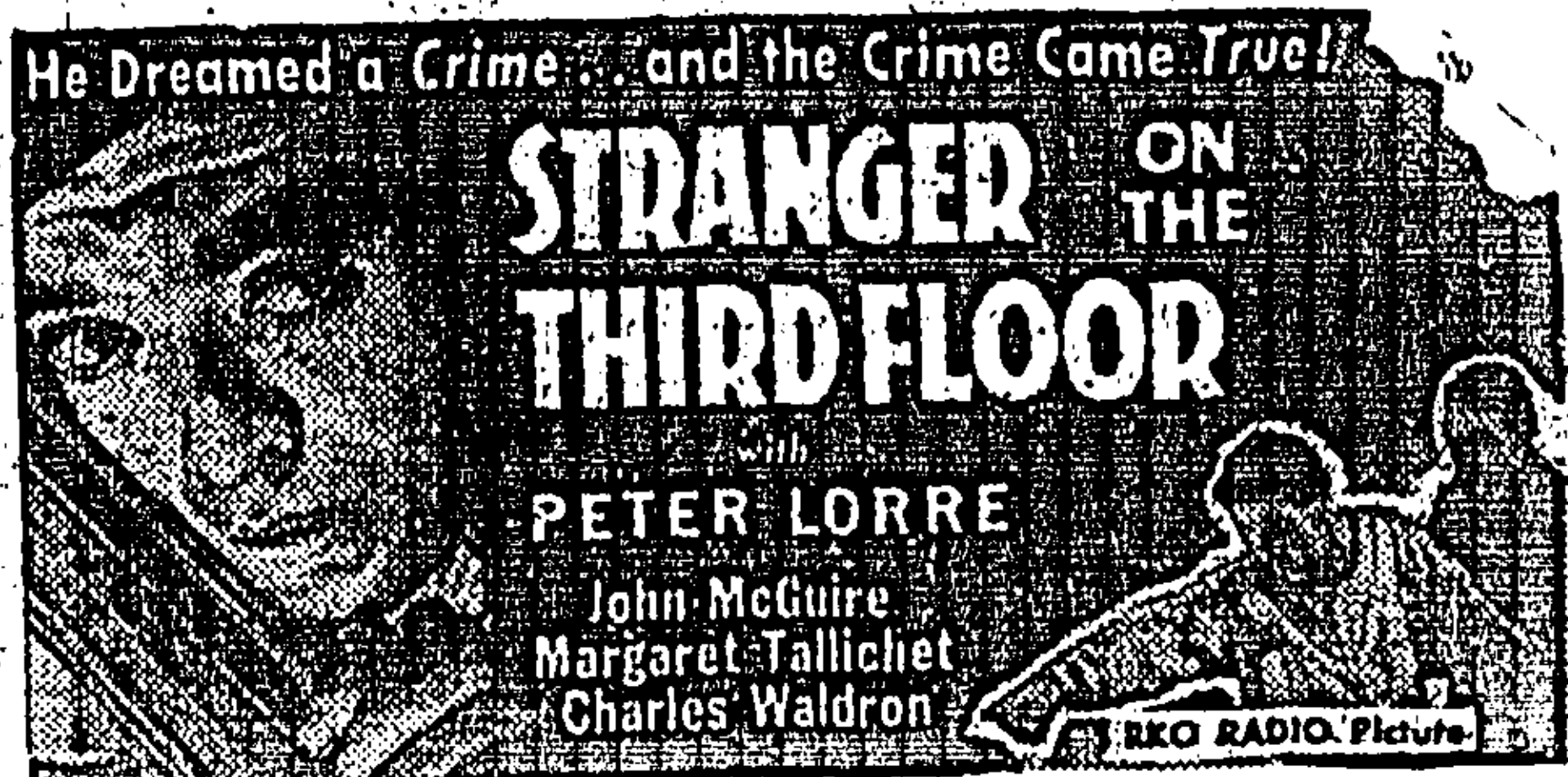
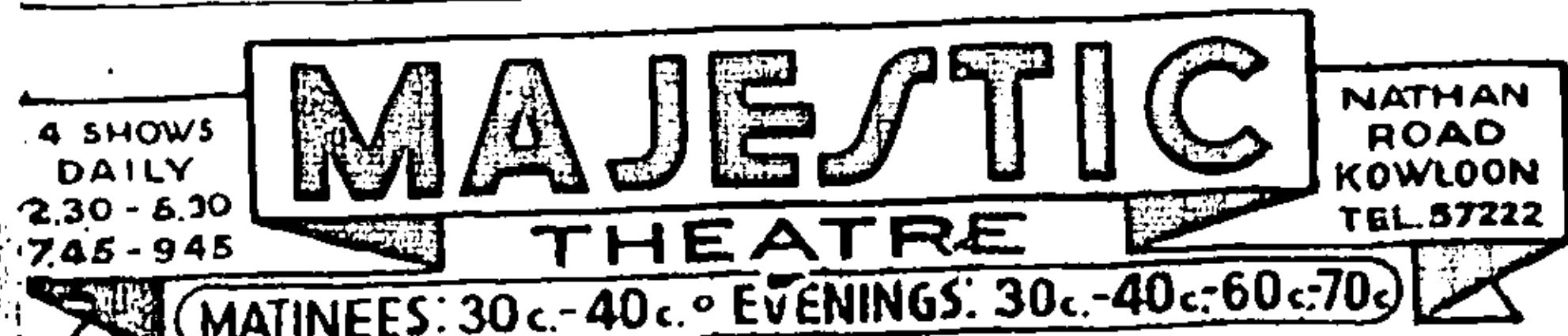
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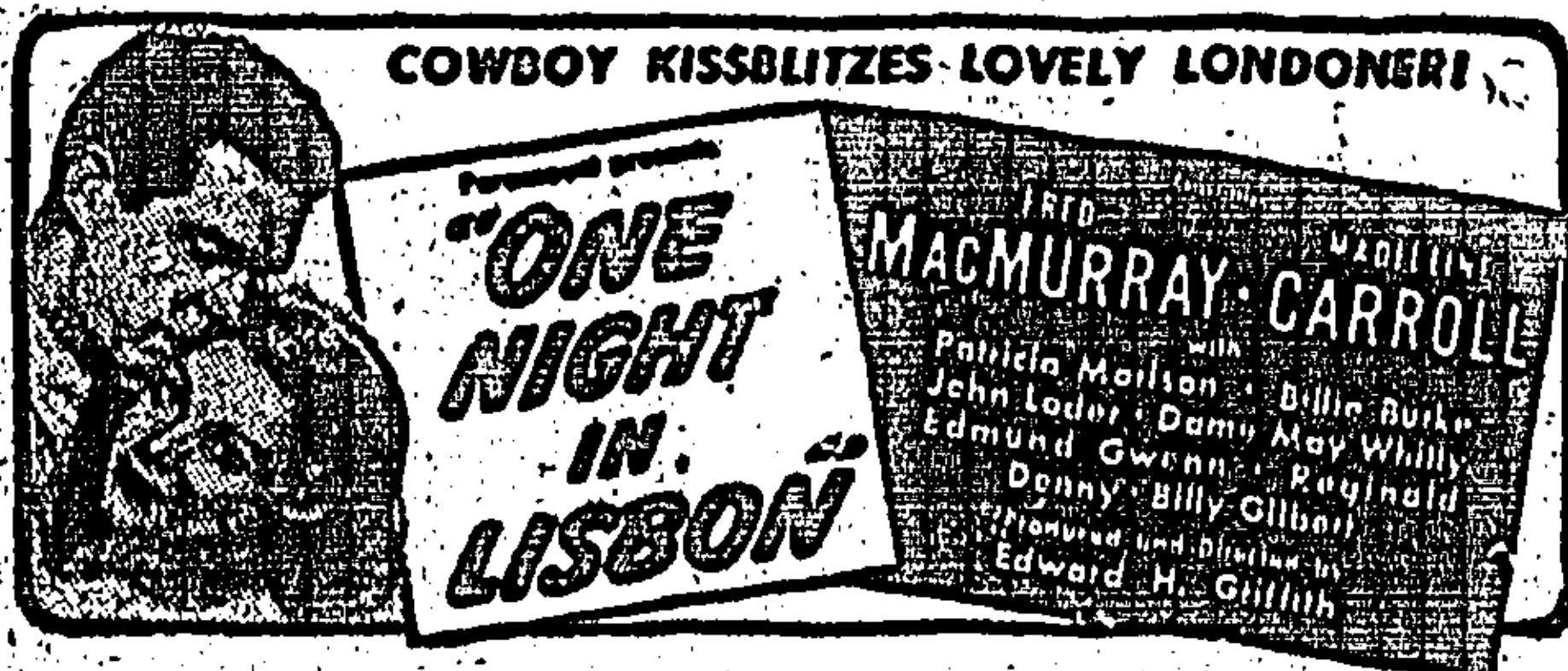
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Soviet's Victory In Yartsevo Area

THE VITAL IMPORTANCE of Marshal Timoshenko's victory at Yartsevo, 35 miles north-east of Smolensk, as reported earlier by Reuter, was emphasised by General Rokossovski in an article in the "Izvestia" yesterday.

In this article the General makes it clear that the recapture of Yartsevo and Yelnia, roughly 30 miles south-east of Smolensk, has destroyed the German hope of a further drive on Moscow from this sector.

In addition, the Moscow radio announces that following this victory, Soviet troops are now in a position to invest Smolensk.

In explaining this battle, which is one of the most important of the war on the Eastern Front, General Rokossovski says that a German tank division succeeded in invading the town of Yartsevo by a sudden thrust some six weeks ago, with the object of developing an offensive through this town and reaching Moscow by the shortest route which is a straight motor road.

On Defensive

"The resistance of our numerically small troops in this area managed to stem the enemy's advance. The German Command, having lost a large number of tanks and men near Yartsevo, was forced to take the defensive in order to bring up reinforcements before resuming the offensive.

"By several strong counter-blows, our troops not only foiled the second German offensive, but totally routed a German tank division, throwing the enemy back from Yartsevo, and occupied the entire eastern bank of the River Vop."

The General says: "The Nazis realised they would not reach Moscow by way of Yartsevo and decided to skirt the town and probe for the weak spots in our defences against their thrust on Moscow."

"They brought up three infantry divisions with large numbers of tanks and artillery for shelling Smolensk, and ensuring the concentrations of their main forces in the Yelnia area."

Tanks In Reserve

"They created a system of fortifications on the western bank of the River Vop. Large reserves of tanks were concentrated in this region."

"We waited until August when, in order to relieve their troops which were suffering heavy reverses in the Yelnia area, the Germans resolved to bring up their reserves stationed south and east of Smolensk. This was the signal for our troops in the Yartsevo area to march."

"Our first offensive came as a surprise to the Germans, and on the night of August 31, our troops forced the River Vop and deployed for an attack."

"Preceded by an artillery barrage, our troops broke the enemy's resistance and advance lines. They penetrated deep into his defences. The Germans met our advance with mine throwers and machine-gun fire, but it was too late."

"Soviet infantry were stubbornly pressing forward. Abandoning his arms, the enemy was forced to retreat and bring up his reinforcements."

10,000 Casualties

The General says that "by the end of the third day, the Germans outnumbered us considerably. Fearing the Soviet troops might break through German Headquarters, they also hurried into this sector part of their reserves intended for Yelnia, but Soviet infantry, forced the Germans to retreat steadily westwards."

"As the result of eight days of fighting at Yartsevo, the Nazis lost no less than 10,000 killed and wounded. Our troops captured 12 guns, 30 mine throwers, some 50 machine-guns and 100,000 cartridges, several thousand shells and a considerable amount of other arms and equipment."

"We destroyed 100 guns, 100 mine throwers and about 150 machine-guns," the Russian general says.—Reuter.

MOSCOW SUICIDE SQUADS

"The Times" Stockholm correspondent cables that the spirit of the Soviet forces is well illustrated by the feats of the so-called "suicide squads." One of these occurred when twelve obsolete Russian planes, each carrying several tons of dynamite, were deliberately thrown at full blast on to German ships near Kronstadt. Each aeroplane crashed on to a German ship and sank it, while only a few Russian pilots escaped by parachute.—Special Cable.

STEADY STREAM OF HELP TO RUSSIA

A STEADY STREAM of help is now finding its way from Britain to Soviet Russia, the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Hugh Dalton, said in a speech yesterday.

The Soviet's fight, he added, was the British fight and the Soviet Union must be helped and backed to the full.

Mr. Dalton paid a high tribute to Russian unity as well as to the sacrifices the people of the Soviet Union were making to stem the tide of invasion.

Turning to the activities of his own department the Minister reminded his audience that economic warfare worked slowly but surely and remarked that although the German European conquests had brought her important economic gains, at the same time her attacks had cut off certain other supplies and he instanced the cotton Germany was previously getting from Russia and wool hitherto coming to her from Iran. Neither was economic warfare only a matter of blockade. Attacks on German shipping and the dominance of British sea power had had important results on the enemy's already overstrained inland transport system.

Mr. Dalton illustrated this point by citing the case of coal traffic between Germany and Italy. Coal he said, used to go by sea but now had to be carried by rail, which involved some 50 trains of 40 trucks daily for an average journey of 800 miles.

These waggons had had to travel back empty because they were unsuitable for conveying fruit and vegetables which were Italy's natural exports.

Increasing Strain

Air raids on enemy rail communications were all the time increasing the strain.

Mr. Dalton spoke of the black-list, which weapon was jointly welded with the U.S.A.

"Hand in hand we are hunting down all over the world firms which try to trade with the enemy. These are black-listed and are barred from trade with any firm in the British Empire."

U.S. NAVY CONVOYS REVEALED

The United States Navy is now employing convoys to ensure the safe arrival of Lease and Lend goods in Britain.

THIS WAS REVEALED IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT BY COL. FRANK KNOX, SECRETARY OF NAVY.

Speaking at his press conference, Col. Knox declared: "The escort of convoys by combatant vessels is only one of many methods that can and are being used."

Emphasising that since the last war many more methods of safeguarding shipping have been developed, he said the United States "is employing them all." Asked whether U.S. warships were escorting vessels to Iceland and there passing them on to the British Navy's care, Col. Knox said it would be "unwise and indiscreet" to go into details.—Reuter.

"If they are on the American black-list as well there is not much more to be said."

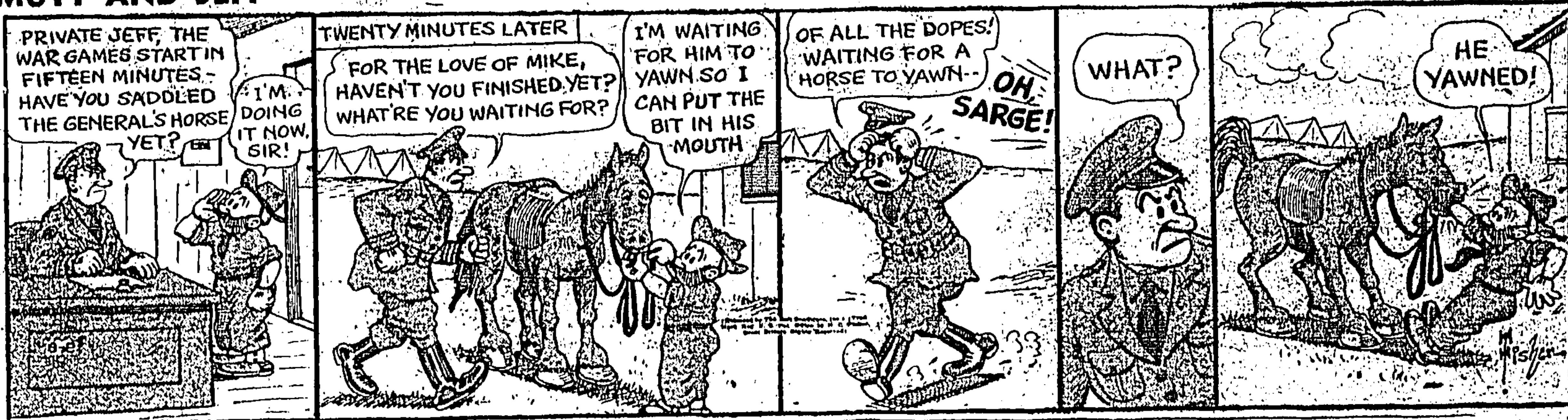
After referring to political warfare, the conduct of which he was charged together with the Foreign Secretary and Minister of Information, Mr. Dalton concluded: "Beyond total victory over Hitlerite Germany, beyond the great cleansing of invaded Europe from the German plague, our peace aim must take shape in a new order only different both from what Hitler plans and from what we knew before the war. That new order in its broad sweep was sketched in the Atlantic Charter on the authority both of the British and American Governments." — British Wireless.

IVANOFF MURDER

IT WAS REVEALED IN SHANGHAI TO-DAY THAT MR. N. A. IVANOFF, WHO WAS KILLED ON MONDAY, HAD RECEIVED THREATENING LETTERS AGAINST HIS LIFE ALMOST DAILY SINCE HIS ASSUMPTION OF THE POST LAST AUGUST OF HEAD OF THE RUSSIAN EMIGRES' BUREAU.

Ivanoff recently expressed his intention to resign the post as a result of the constant threats.

The police investigations are continuing but have resulted in no developments as yet. Ivanoff was buried yesterday afternoon. — International News Service.



DUKE OF KENT ON HIS CANADIAN TOUR

OBLIGATIONS TO RUSSIA

Speaking of the Australian Commonwealth's obligations to Russia, Mr. A. W. Fadden, the new Prime Minister of Australia, said: "It is clear that the Soviet Union needs more than the material support that the United States and the British Empire can offer."

"Australia has obligations to her Russian ally. We are bound by our own security as well as by our honour to give her this help. There should be no slackening. The respite we have gained by Russia's resistance will provide us

THE DUKE OF KENT has returned to England from his five-weeks' tour of Canada, amazed at the growth of the Empire Air Training Plan. In the course of his visit he covered about 15,000 miles by air.

Broadcasting his impressions of the Air Training Plan last night, the Duke said: "I do not think people in this country have any idea of the magnitude of the plan nor of the very rapid expansion which has taken place.

with a chance to fill up the gap in our own defence requirements."

Speaking in London, Mr. Hugh Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, also referred to the help that Britain is giving to Russia and the help that the Russian resistance was giving to the common cause.

"Everything that now reaches Vladivostok," he said, "is for the use of Russia and Germany, who used to get supplies through this channel, had forfeited that opportunity by reason of her attack on the Soviet Union."—Reuter.

"Two years ago it was a plan. To-day it is a vital war industry which combines the advantages of mass production with the most skillful selection and individual training.

"Training aerodromes are being built everywhere. Airmen are now passing out from the schools not in ones and twos but literally in thousands."

They came, said the Duke, from all parts of the Empire and there was "an encouraging and growing number of young men from the United States and from South America."

Great Partnership

"This is a great partnership," he continued. "We are all contributing to it in our own ways but it is Canada who is responsible for the administration of the plan and Canada can therefore take special pride in its outstanding success."

The Duke said he had seen Canada's busy factories and shipyards, her naval establishments on both the Pacific and Atlantic and her great military camps.

"The magnificent spirit and resolution of the whole Canadian peoples has impressed me deeply," he declared.

Freedom's Sake

"It may be because I have been in the New World for the past few weeks that I am able to separate my thoughts temporarily at least from the tragic events of the present and to look forward to the day when the whole world will once more be pursuing the paths of peace.

"I believe that out of this conflict there is surely being born a friendship and union of those people who cherish freedom for freedom's sake.

"We have the duty not only of preserving the hard-won privileges of liberty but of re-dedicating those simple fundamentals of life, honesty and fair dealing, between men and nations, upon which any new and better order must be founded."—Reuter.

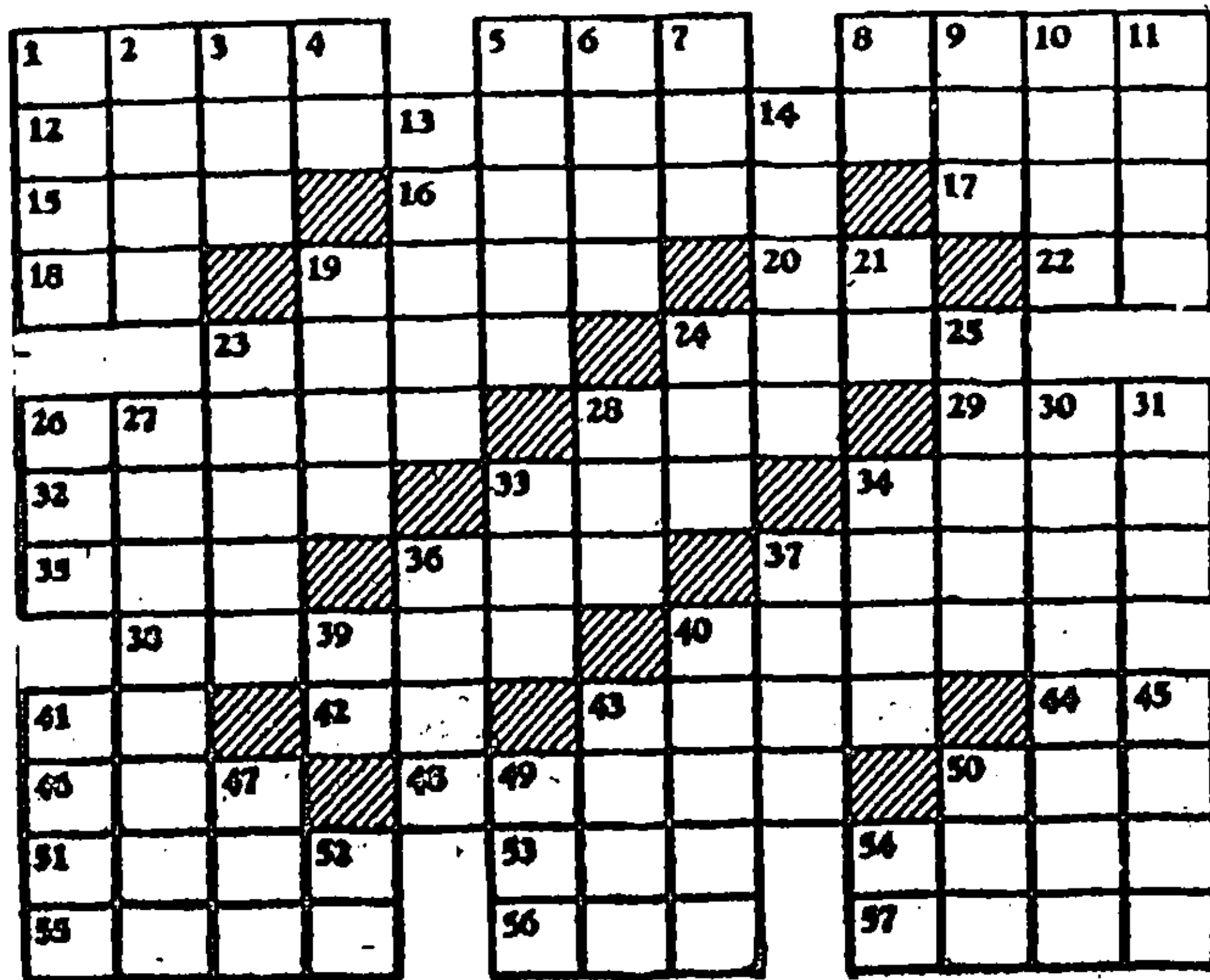
Arrested by a Chinese constable in Castle Peak Road after stealing clothing from a hut in Cheungshawan on Monday morning, Lau Sum, 31, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

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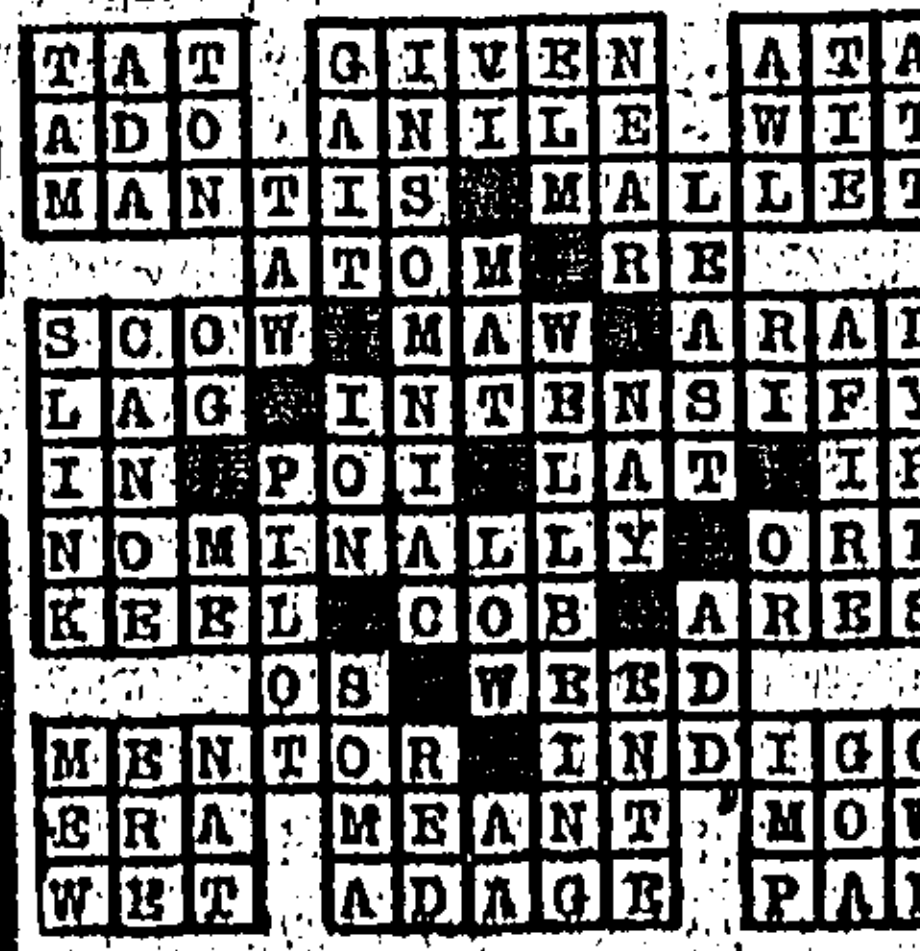
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Bristle
- 5 Girl's name
- 8 Large pulpit
- 12 Planning of an act beforehand
- 15 To mature
- 16 Unusual
- 17 Buddhist pillar
- 18 Negative
- 19 To deceive
- 20 To act
- 22 Artificial language
- 23 Short
- 24 Slang: burglar
- 26 Swiftness
- 28 Hindu weight
- 29 Exist
- 32 Sagged
- 33 To peruse
- 34 Aluminium sulphate
- 35 The self
- 36 Firearm
- 37 Schemes
- 38 Norse sea god
- 40 Graceful woman
- 41 Article
- 42 Siberian river
- 43 Anger
- 44 Note of scale

VERTICAL

- 1 To extend over
- 2 Therefore
- 3 Mound
- 4 Part of "to be"
- 5 To take as one's own
- 6 To plunge
- 7 Devoured
- 8 Preposition
- 9 Wire measure
- 10 Male swine
- 11 Preposition
- 13 To come into operation
- 14 Tree of birch family
- 19 Swimming bird
- 21 King of Bashan
- 23 Small boat
- 24 Japanese monetary unit
- 25 Ancient dance
- 26 Ipsen character
- 27 Heathenism
- 28 Male offspring
- 30 Pitiless
- 31 City in Germany
- 33 Mongrel
- 34 Confederate
- 36 Taunt
- 37 Burning pile
- 39 To depart
- 40 Keltic
- 41 To the sheltered side
- 43 Gratis
- 45 Mischievous
- 47 Indo-Chinese language
- 49 Sea bird
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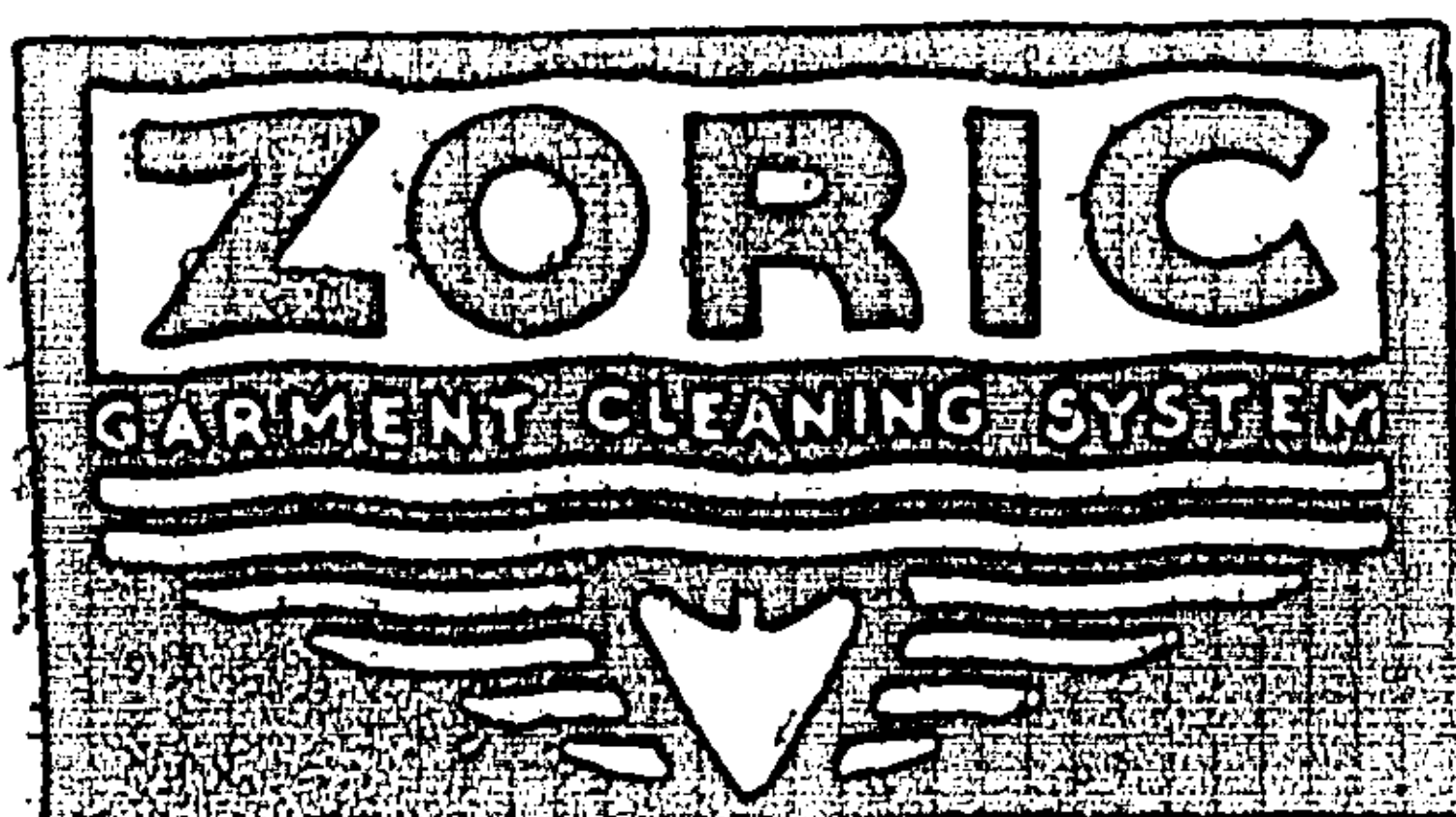
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PACIFIC DEFENCE STRATEGY

AN EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING PICTURE OF THE GENERAL DEFENSIVE POSITION IN THE AREA OF WHICH SINGAPORE IS THE STRATEGIC CENTRE WAS GIVEN AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE BY SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, C-IN-C. FAR EAST, AND ADMIRAL SIR GEOFFREY LAYTON, C-IN-C. CHINA STATION, IN SINGAPORE YESTERDAY.

Sir Robert said they were not afraid of the blockade threat. They had ample reserves of food and ammunition. He did not think any blockade was tenable as long as six months but even within that time they were fully able to break it — even without the assistance of the U.S. Navy.

Bengal Crisis Averted

What appeared to be an impending parliamentary crisis in Bengal has been temporarily averted.

Following the recent demands for the resignation of the Premiers of Bengal, Assam and the Punjab from the Viceroy's National Defence Council, which were made by the Executive Council of the All-India Muslim League, Fazul Huq, the Bengal Premier, obeyed the League mandate and resigned from the Defence Council but also resigned from the League Executive Council.

This action was followed by demonstrations and counter-demonstrations in Bengal. Six motions of no-confidence were passed in the legislature against the Finance Minister before the House adjourned until September 18. Supporters of the Premier and other party leaders have sent letters to the Governor expressing want of confidence in the Finance Minister.

Party Conference

The Governor called a conference of party leaders to consider the situation and told them he will prorogue the Assembly when it meets to-day in accordance with his previous decision.

The Assembly will be summoned again in November when fresh non-confidence motions will have to be brought, as those to which notice has already been given will have lapsed. — Reuter.

AUSTRIANS EXECUTED

Five Austrians were executed in Berlin on Tuesday, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper "Dagens Nyheter."

Of one, Eduard Jaroslowsky, it was said he displayed hostile tendencies towards the State for many years and had recently attempted to impair the powers of resistance of the German people. The other four were executed for reason of espionage which they performed for payment from a foreign power. — Reuter.

NO DAY VISITORS

The Ministry of Home Security states that during daylight yesterday there was nothing to report. — British Wireless.

Questioned concerning his recent visit to the N.E.I., Sir Robert said that from what he had seen he was perfectly satisfied the N.E.I. would put up a perfectly good show if called on to do so—they were not going about treading on people's corns but if attacked the N.E.I. were fully determined to give a good account of themselves.

Asked if there had been Staff talks with the N.E.I. or any tacit arrangements, Sir Robert said he had nothing to add to what he had stated in a previous interview, namely, that in a huge area from Burma to Australia what happened in any part of the area affected the rest of it. "YOU CAN'T SEPARATE ANY OF THESE COUNTRIES," HE DECLARED.

Assistance To N.E.I.

Asked if Malaya would immediately move to the assistance of the N.E.I. if the latter were attacked, Sir Robert said he would act on instructions from Whitehall whose decisions would be accelerated as a result of the labours of Mr. Duff-Cooper.

Questioned regarding Thailand, Sir Robert said relations with that country were better.

They had come to realise, he said, that we were their friends, and they looked to us for advice, as witness their sending two officers to look at our defence plans and to see the working of our fighter squadrons.

"I shouldn't have thought such a thing possible a few months ago," Sir Robert said.

Thailand's Attitude

In reply to another question Sir Robert agreed that Thailand had begun to show an independent attitude towards Japan. They were realising, he said, that they should not become too much dependent, economically and financially, upon Japan.

Admiral Layton told a questioner that the radio report that a raider was at large in the Pacific and that a number of ships had fallen victim, was untrue. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI TRAM STRIKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI'S TRAM STRIKE WHICH STARTED SUDDENLY YESTERDAY MORNING, WAS SETTLED FOLLOWING POLICE MEDIATION ONLY TO BE RESUMED LATER IN THE DAY. Five workers were arrested after a settlement had been reached, whereupon the entire staff again walked out and the situation is still deadlocked. — Reuter.

The Settlement tram strike was settled after a six-hour stoppage and the service has now returned to normal. — International News Service.

R.A.F. IN ACTION IN RUSSIA

The R.A.F. Wing now in Russia under the strategic command of Russian headquarters has already been in contact with the Germans, it was learned in London yesterday.

Of hundreds of British machines sent a large number have already arrived. — Reuter.

NAZI SPY TRIAL

A German-born United States Government informer, William Sebald, gave evidence yesterday before the Federal Court in New York in the trial of members of the alleged Nazi spy ring.

He said five months before the occupation of Iceland was announced a German agent told him that 30,000 American soldiers and 4,000 officers would be sent to Greenland and Iceland.

Sebald also stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had intercepted most of the money sent to the United States for German spies. As a result spies often complained of the poor pay. — Reuter.

NEW NAVAL BASES URGED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The American Legion Conference in Milwaukee yesterday called for new naval bases in the Philippines and Iceland as well as other key Atlantic and Pacific islands. — International News Service.

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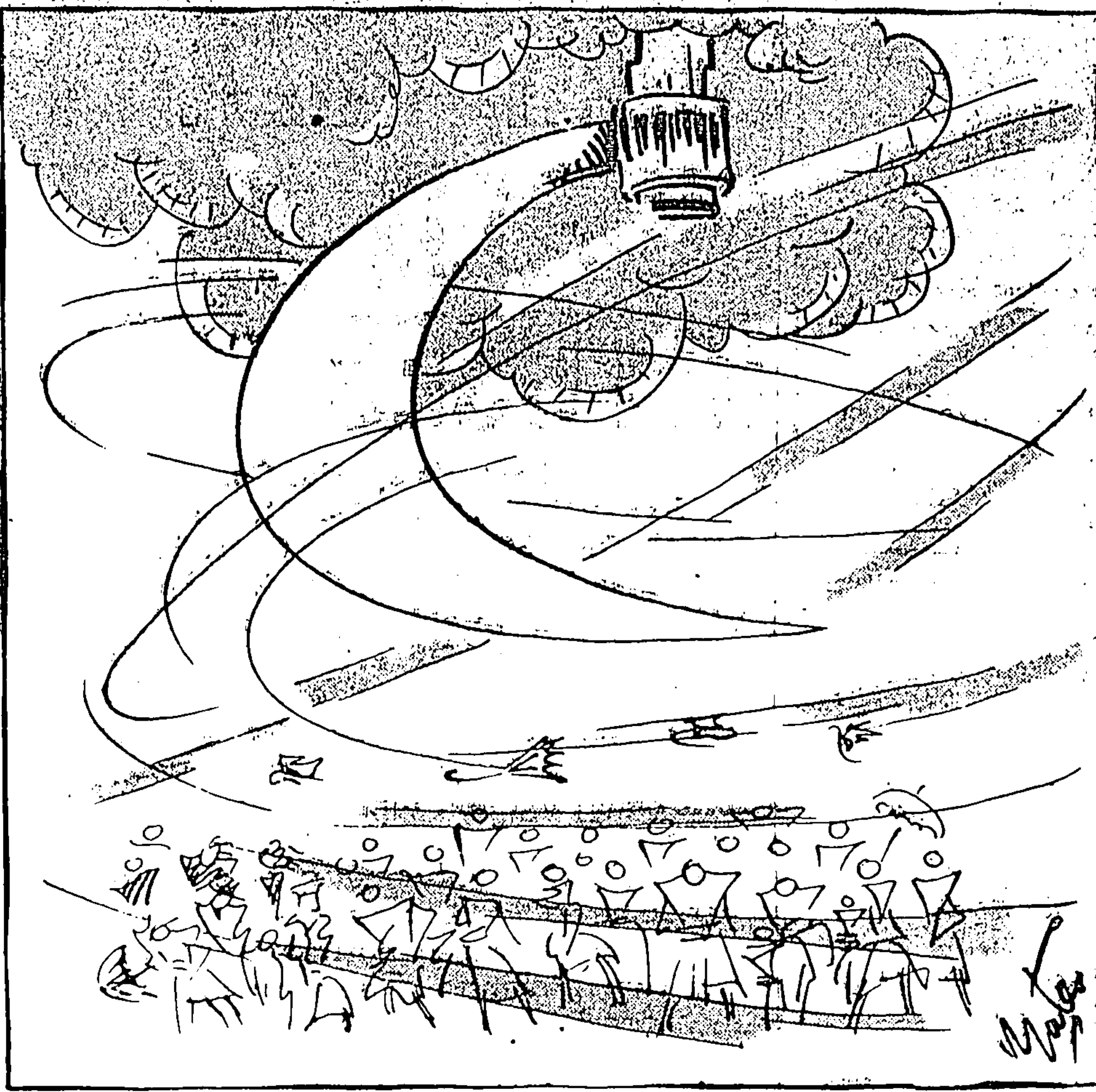


THE LATTER END

The great battle for Russia — perhaps the fiercest the world has ever known — shows, after nearly thirteen weeks of constant warfare, no diminution in intensity. Having failed to subjugate Russia "according to plan," that is, within the first month of the attack, Hitler finds himself faced with the need for obtaining adequate winter quarters, where he can hope to consolidate himself and prepare for a further effort to subjugate the Soviet Union in the spring. Leningrad and Kiev are, therefore, vital to him and the strength of his attacks on the Russian positions in these sectors is evidence of his supreme need to capture them before the heavy snow storms of winter make intense warfare impossible.

The Soviet forces are defending the approaches to these two key positions with a tenacity that is little short of marvellous. General Timoshenko is assisting by his remarkable come back in the central sector. He is thus engaging forces that might otherwise be released to augment the attacks on the two ends of the line. It is indeed more than probable that the German High Command has already withdrawn as many men as possible without unduly weakening this portion of their defences.

Whatever may be the outcome of the battle, it is clear that Hitler has failed. It has been said that he lost the war when he failed to invade Britain. If so, he has doubly lost it when he failed to occupy Moscow before the winter. With Moscow still immune Hitler cannot present his intended peace terms to Stalin. He is thus defeated, not only in the field but also diplomatically. It is probable that his attack on Russia in the first place was undertaken because he realised he was already defeated in the West. With a broken Russia under his sway, he could then have presented terms to Britain and America which might have proved difficult to reject. He has thrown the dice and lost and today, as a result, is facing defeat both on the Eastern and the Western fronts. He is being slowly but surely crushed even should Kiev and Leningrad fall and though his final overthrow may take some considerable time because, like every man-



TYPHOON

A Belgian's War-Aims

COUGHT we to concern ourselves here and now with war-aims? I fully appreciate the reasoning of those who refuse to recognise any other war-aim than the winning of the war, and who want to see concrete conditions created by victory before committing themselves to the conditions of peace.

None the less, since peace remains the supreme objective without which everything else would be meaningless, it is necessary to understand what kind of peace we are fighting for, if such agonising sacrifices are to be accepted with eyes open. For the peace of to-morrow will be what the war has made it. It will be inspired by the same ideas.

When Hitler is cynically enslaving his partner Italy, he is with a sinister logic preparing that country's "peace" in the framework of the general enslavement. In the same way, if the Allies are to achieve, later on, that general cooperation in the cause of right which can alone save civilisation, a logical necessity no less implacable demands that they shall practice forthwith between themselves solidarity between equals, generous and confident, inspired by the same principles and expressed by similar methods. We shall achieve successfully to-morrow only what we are already sketching out to-day, and the noblest dreams will remain sterile unless our action to-day is inspired by them.

These reflections embolden me to present the observations which follow. My country, Belgium, can play only a very limited role in this conflict, but a certain role she is called on to play, none the less. She has rights to defend and duties to perform like the greatest States in the world. There are many reasons why my participation in the discussion should be modest, but I claim at least that it is not misplaced.

Nowhere in the world, without question, do freedom and peace stand in greater need of an inter-

lac, he will continue to destroy and pillage until he is overpowered, the final destruction of Hitler and Nazism is becoming more evident not only to those who feared him most but also to those who anticipated that his victory would gain them advantages which, alone, they could not hope to obtain.

national guarantee than in the Low Countries, where so many highways cross, where human activity is so intense, and on which so many envious eyes are cast. But what guarantee will be definite enough, and what form of organisation will ensure its effective operation? Events in the last quarter of a century have thrown much valuable light on those questions.

Belgium lived originally under the common guarantee of the European Powers.

In spite of that she was attack-

By Louis De Brouckere

ed by two of her guarantors in 1914, and, though she was loyally defended, and enabled thus to regain her liberty in the end, the system none the less failed to prevent either the invasion of my country or general war. In 1925 Locarno brought us a whole collection of new guarantees, which there were good reasons for thinking stronger than the old. Hitler, none the less, solemnly repudiated the engagements which he had no less solemnly contracted. Since then what remained of the system has disintegrated progressively. I simply record the fact, without seeking for the moment to allot responsibility.

Belgium, after that obtained two distinct guarantees, one given by France and the United Kingdom, the other by Germany. Then the history of 1914 was repeated. This time once more victory will deliver us, but war has not been avoided.

After her renunciation at Locarno Belgium sought a new security in the tightening of the bonds which already united a certain number of small Western States. It is needless to dwell on the fundamental impotence of the Oslo Pact to preserve either general peace or the peace of its member States. There is not, I imagine, a single reasonable Belgian who is not convinced of that after the experiences my country has been through. No form of regional union could by itself guarantee Belgian peace effectively or prevent the recurrence of a world catastrophe. Belgian peace could only be firmly based within a universal peace-system.

But it is assuredly not enough that a peace-system should be universal, still less that it should be nominally universal, to prove itself completely effective. Witness the League of Nations.

Experience has proved the exact value of the Geneva Institution — and has proved equally its insufficiency.

Geneva, too, must profit by the stern lesson of facts. I cannot develop that thesis here at the close of an article. I must be content with indicating briefly two of the indispensable conditions of success. The required union must be assured of the active cooperation of all the major democracies, that of the United States being particularly essential. We see more clearly every day what American assistance in the war is meaning. What might the star-spangled Republic not have effected for the preservation of peace if it had understood in time that its frontier is on the Rhine! It is necessary, too, imperatively necessary, that cooperation should be organised on the basis of a society of equals. I do not mean by that the States of every varying magnitude must command the same votes — that indeed would create flagrant inequality — but simply that the citizens of every State must have the same opportunity of exercising their legitimate influence over the discussions of the society, and find the same protection for their own peace and the same guarantee of their essential rights. Among these latter one of the most essential is unquestionably the right to national independence, that is to say the right for each State to regulate its own life freely in the organised world with the same liberty as the individual citizen enjoys within each State.

The passion for this right runs strongly in the world. It is felt as ardently by peoples whom history has made small as by the most populous. I have tried to demonstrate that by the example of Belgium, but actually we are dealing with a fact which is completely universal and very fortunate. The desire for independence must grow still stronger in proportion as the international solidarity of which it is the essential counterpart develops. For how in a united world would it be possible without it to preserve that diversity, that upsurge of individual and group originality without which there can be no intelligent life? If it were necessary to demonstrate the possibility of securing the co-existence in a single union of States of every magnitude, equally free and equally respected and demonstrate further, how invaluable this co-existence is, it would be sufficient to point to the example of the British Commonwealth, whose strength is so vastly increased by the complete equality of rights which exists within it between all those who enjoy Dominion status. But, let me hasten to add, the rights of small nations imply corresponding duties. It is by the full discharge of their duties during war that they may be assured of the plenitude of their rights in peace.

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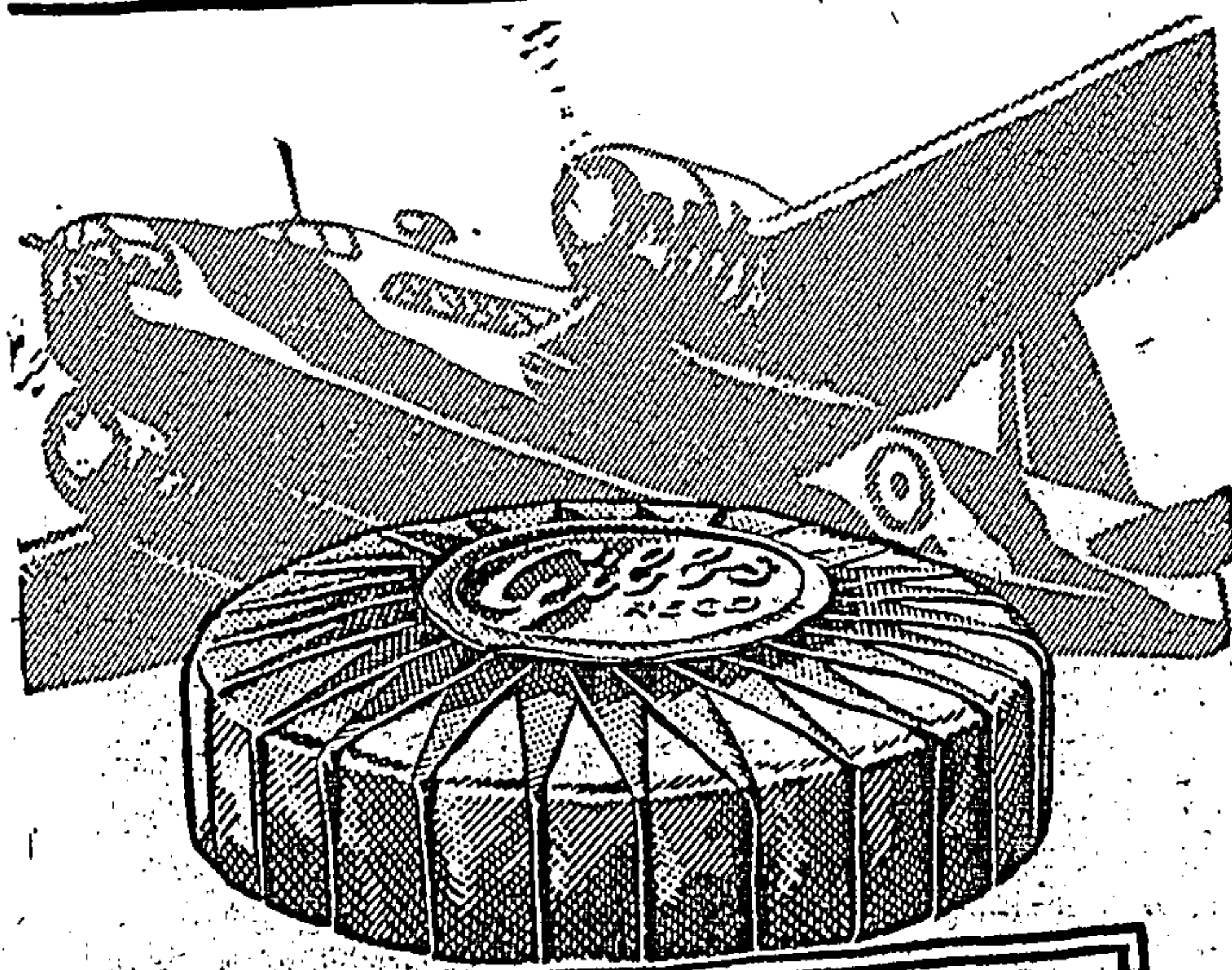
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OUSTED WHEN ARMY
REFUSES SUPPORT

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Teheran)
STRIVING DESPERATELY TO THE LAST TO RETAIN HIS POSITION SHAH RIZA PAHLEVI WAS FORCED FROM THE THRONE BY THE SURGING DEMAND OF HIS OWN PEOPLE, WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE POINT OF REVOLT BY THE TYRANNY OF THE LAST 16 YEARS.

Only a still lingering fear of the ruthless despot whose secret police were as efficiently organised as the Gestapo prevented them from rising against him during the last two weeks.

By Monday only one quarter remained whence he could expect help—senior officers of the army, whose positions endow them with rich pickings. The remainder of the army, consisting of conscripted peasants and underpaid young officers, is as hostile to him as the rest of the population.

It is believed the Shah gambled to the last minute on the hope that the army would help him quell the popular uprising and that the British and Russians would not intervene.

It is reported that the Cabinet saw him on Monday night urging abdication but met with a blunt refusal. He then sought the advice of Sir William Bullard, the British Minister, through a secret emissary. Realisation that he could not obtain any help from Britain probably convinced him that the "game was up." Early on Tuesday morning he summoned the Premier to the Winter Palace near Teheran whither he had moved from the Summer Palace in the mountains to the north and handed him the deed of abdication.

Prisoners Released

Although every effort was made to keep the abdication secret, for fear of disorders, the news quickly spread throughout the capital and big crowds gathered before loud speakers at midday to hear the official announcement.

One of the first results of the removal of the Shah from power was the release of some of the great number of political prisoners who crowded the jails.

The Shah dismissed from his post the Minister of War immediately after the "cease fire" had been ordered. Before throwing him into prison the Shah beat him with the flat of his sword and kicked him. He also struck all the senior army officers who had not already fled from Teheran.

Vast Fortune

After interviewing the Premier, the Shah set out by car for Isfahan, about 220 miles to the south. Isfahan is the ancient centre of Persian art and culture where young men and boys whose sight is not yet ruined by the closeness of the work still paint some of the world's finest miniatures on camel bone and mother-of-pearl.

On the road he must have passed the British and Indian troops advancing on Teheran. It is not yet known whether he took with him any of the vast fortune he had amassed from his trade in monopolies and taxation—a fortune he kept in the vaults of his Palace. Part had already been sent to America and perhaps to England.

Special precautions are being taken by the Persian Government as well as by the British and Russian troops in case the tyrannical people should seek revenge on the former Shah's agents.

Complete Calm

Russian troops had on Tuesday reached the 30th kilometre stone from Teheran, whence they reached the city yesterday morning at the same time as the British.

There is complete calm in the city. People in the streets seem dazed by the news although they lived hourly in expectation of it for the last two weeks. Shortly after the announcement

in Parliament, Government pamphlets were circulated in the streets announcing the Shah's abdication and giving the text of the abdication deed which stated:

"Because I spent all my energy for the good of my country during these last years it is necessary that a younger man, who can do more for the country, shall take my place. I therefore recommend that the Crown Prince shall succeed me.

"From to-day, the 25th of Shahrivar (Iran used the solar calendar dating from Mohammed's flight from Mecca) the Iranian nation and army must obey the new Shah, recognising him as the real King, and must give him the same loyalty as they gave me."

No More Difficulties

Later the Government announced: "The Shah left Teheran this morning. The Government is in touch with the British and Russian Governments in order to preserve as far as possible the normal life of the country and maintain the same friendly relations with the two Governments. There will soon be no more difficulties."

The swearing in of the new Shah was due to take place at 4.30 yesterday afternoon in Parliament, when members of the Cabinet, members of Parliament, senior officials, senior army, navy and air force officers, senior judges, religious leaders and university professors were to have been present.

Members of Parliament were to wear morning coats, officials and judges their special uniforms indicating rank, while religious leaders would wear flowing tunics and cloaks crowned with traditional turbans.

On The Koran

The Crown Prince was to swear the oath on the Koran according to the formula laid down by the constitution.

The Coronation, which will be a secular ceremony, will take place later, possibly after the war. The new Queen Fawzieh, 20-year-old sister of King Farouk of Egypt did not attend the oath ceremony. During the crisis she stayed at Isfahan with her small daughter.

The staff of the Rumanian Legation left Teheran on Tuesday by car for Tabriz from where they will pass through Turkey on their way to Rumania.

The German, Hungarian and Bulgarian Legations left by the same route yesterday.

Berlin Order

The families of the Germans had originally elected to go with the men so the British made special arrangements for them to be billeted with their husbands in concentration camps in India but apparently they have now been ordered by the German Government to return to Germany.

A great number of cars required for the journey were provided

ALLIED
PROMISE
TO PERSIA

The Iranian Premier, Ali Furanghi, announced in Parliament yesterday that Allied troops were advancing towards Teheran although the Government had asked them not to approach the city.

"We hope this will be effective," he said, "but even if they do come, members should be easy in their minds for they have no hostile intentions."

"They have assured us of this and we are certain we can rely on that promise."

The Premier said he had been authorised by the new Shah to say he would rule as a completely constitutional monarch.

Crown Jewels

"He will observe the law of the constitution and the rights of the people of Iran," the Premier added. "He will obey all acts already passed or in future to be passed by Parliament and will do his best to amend the wrongs done to the people singly or collectively."

"He will try to ensure that all the hopes and wishes of the people shall be realised."

The Premier also promised full facilities for a committee of Parliament with experts to verify his assurance that the Crown Jewels were safe in the National Bank in Teheran. — Reuter.

NEW SHAH
TO BE
WATCHED

THE NEW SHAH WILL BE JUDGED ON HIS MERITS AND WILL BEGIN HIS REIGN WITH VERY LIMITED POWERS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION COMPARED WITH THOSE EXERCISED BY HIS FATHER.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that one of the most satisfactory features of the recent developments in Persia has been the complete identity of views and purpose in the British and Soviet action.

All plans for all eventualities were carefully considered and complete agreement on all points existed between Mr. Eden and M. Maisky, Russian Ambassador in London, whose attitude is officially described as having been most "helpful." — Reuter.

by the Iranian Government which requisitioned them.

The German Minister has given his word that the convoy will not linger on the way.

The Italians, who insisted on travelling in a separate convoy from the Germans, are expected to leave Teheran to-day.

There are 30 males on the staff of the German Legation. The strengths of the other Legations are smaller. It is not yet known whether Hungarian and Bulgarian subjects will also be repatriated. — Reuter.

SWAYING BATTLE ON EGYPTIAN FRONTIER

British Forces Back In Original Positions

Tobruk Under Heavy Shellfire

THE SWAYING BATTLE IN THE LIBYAN-EGYPTIAN FRONTIER ARE AS WHICH FOLLOWED THE GERMAN ATTACK WAS DESCRIBED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

It was stated that after the initial enemy attack had been repulsed the British forces returned to their original line.

Bringing up 20 tanks the enemy made another attack which forced the British back between six and seven miles.

But by nightfall the British were again back in their original positions. Five enemy tanks were destroyed.

The enemy's action has apparently been in the nature of a reconnaissance in force, with the idea of bombarding the frontier and at Tobruk to "lay out the land" but there is no indication of preparation for an immediate operation by the enemy on a large scale.

Heavy Shelling

Yesterday's British G.H.Q. communique from Cairo stated: "Following our raids from Tobruk the enemy shelling of our forward positions is still heavy in the east but has decreased against the south and west sectors."

"In the frontier area advanced elements of British and South African mechanised forces are continuing their patrolling activities."

"In the Gouda area the last remnants of the Italian army in Abyssinia have been invested since the capture of the main enemy forces and weather conditions have now permitted a resumption of our offensive activities."

"During the past few days patrols from our troops have been in contact with the enemy holding defended positions in Gouda."—Reuter.

LARDER OF DEMOCRACY

The New York "Daily News" is running a series of articles by its own correspondent, Grace Robinson, revealing the enormous upswing in food production in the Mid-Western States.

The first article was headed "Isolationist states help win British food war."

This investigation tour of the big five defence food states proved that nervous New Yorkers need not worry about war-time pantries.

The English likewise may know that pork, canned tomatoes and evaporated milk from America will not fail them.

The American farmer has done a remarkable job in speeding up food production, the article says.—Reuter.

MISSIONS TO RUSSIA SEE KING

Members of the British and U.S. missions to Russia were received by the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday. Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Averell Harriman presented them to His Majesty.

General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was also received in audience.—British Wireless.

V.C. AIRMAN MISSING

A young New Zealand sergeant, James Allen Ward, who recently won the V.C., is reported missing.

His Wellington bomber from No. 75. New Zealand Bomber Squadron did not return from a recent attack on Germany.

The bomber took off a few minutes after 8 o'clock and nothing was heard from it after a signal at a time when it was almost certain that the target had been reached.

A few weeks ago Sergeant Ward was made captain of a Wellington and given a crew of sergeants. They had already made one attack together, against battle cruisers at Brest, on the night of September 13. They were an experienced crew and most of them had made as many as 22 operational flights. They were in fact the crew with whom Ward had come to his squadron from the operational training unit.

It was as second pilot that he was awarded the V.C. in July.

After an attack on Muenster he had climbed out on to the wing of his bomber when flying at 13,000 feet over the North Sea in an effort put out a fire which enemy fighters' bullets had started.

This was on his seventh operational flight. Ward was shortly to have received his award from the King.—British Wireless.

POLICE SET AMBUSH

A police ambush set by Det. Sgt. J. McPherson in Shek Kip Mei Village early Monday morning frustrated a robbery and led to the arrest of four men. It was disclosed before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning when they were charged with conspiracy to rob and with possession of three iron bars and a dagger.

Lam Cheung, 32, street coolie, Tang Shun, 25, fitter and Kwan Tsat, 27, street coolie, were sentenced to six months' hard labour, while Man Wan, 26, brick layer, was given 12 weeks.

HOW HITLER'S NEW ORDER WORKS

HITLER'S NEW ORDER, while turning all occupied Europe into a vast production arsenal for German needs—3,500,000 foreign labourers are now under the German heel—has turned out very pleasantly profitable for German kings of industry and finance.

Competition is being eliminated all over Europe. Juicy monopolies to cite an economic expert, are falling into the hands of a few groups.

While these groups, such as the great chemical industry I. G. Farben, have undoubtedly Nazi sympathies, the working of the new order has given them enormous vested interests in Hitler's autarchic system of running Europe.

Huge profits are being made from ersatz industries and clearly a return to normal production after the war will put such groups as I. G. Farben, largely out of business.

A typical example of such profits is provided by the annual report of the Dynamit-A.G. (formerly Nobel and Co.) which is controlled by I. G. Farben.

The company has an ordinary share capital of 47 million reichmarks, of which I. G. Farben hold about 20 million.

Gross profits have steadily increased since 1934. In 1939 they amounted to 100 million and in 1940 to 140 million reichmarks.

The open reserves are given by the newspaper "Berliner Borsen-Zeitung" as about 44 million reichmarks—almost as much as the whole share capital. Of this 13 million were added during the last year. About 10 million were written off last year.

Therefore roughly 20 million reichmarks worth of reserves were created during one year—87% of the share capital.

Declared Profit

And the dividend is only 4% for the declared net profit is 1.81 million, at which figure it has stood since 1937.

It is not surprising, in view of these and similar published figures, that there is increasing evidence of misgiving on the part of the moneyed class, who are investing largely in equities and paying almost any price for gold or other commodities of gold intrinsic value.

As regards economic slavery in occupied countries, it is obvious that this is becoming more and more a miserable fact. The people of the countries ground down by Hitler will soon be able to buy nothing more than their ration.—British Wireless.

PERU CHARGES ECUADOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Peruvian Government announced in Lima yesterday that Peruvian planes bombed Ecuadorian frontier posts and troop transports in the Balao area.—International News Service.

THREE JAPANESE SHOT

On the eve of the anniversary of the Mukden Incident, terrorists ran wild in the International Settlement in Shanghai last night when there were three shooting incidents within three hours.

The night's toll was three Japanese civilians wounded, though not seriously, one Chinese killed and one Chinese wounded.

As a result of the shootings the Settlement to-day is strongly barricaded and very strict searches are proceeding at strategic corners.

Meanwhile, in observance of the anniversary, all cinemas, foreign and Chinese, and amusement resorts have decided to close all day.

TWO OF THE THREE JAPANESE WOUNDED LAST NIGHT WERE SHOT IN NANKING ROAD, SHANGHAI'S MAIN STREET. THE TWO CHINESE WHO FIRED THE SHOTS ESCAPED.

These were the first attempts on Japanese in the unoccupied southern part of the International Settlement in months.—Reuter.

International News gives the names of the Japanese as Toshichi Kimura and Sosaka Suzuki (who were shot while walking in Nanking Road) and Minora Fukuyama, a Customs employee, who was shot in Szechuen Road, off Nanking Road.

AMERICAN LEGION FOR ALL AID

THE AMERICAN LEGION, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF VETERANS OF THE LAST WORLD WAR AND IS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE U.S., PASSED A RESOLUTION YESTERDAY PROPOSING THE REMOVAL OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

The resolution also demanded the defeat of Hitler and all he stands for and favoured repeal of the American Neutrality Act.

The resolution was greeted with shouts of approval and was carried orally.—Reuter.



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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 22nd day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4319.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 3305 & 4141. Ping Street. Kau Pui Shek.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 2,200	\$26 \$1,650

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$165.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4206.	Between Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 4205 & 4207. Ha Hung Road. To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 4,400	783 \$3,330

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BRIDGE NOTES

REACHING A SLAM

By The Four Aces

"We know we should have reached a slam," writes an Indianapolis reader, "but we don't see where we went astray. Can you tell us? Here's the hand:

North, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

North

♠ A Q 9 7 3

♥ K

♦ Q 4

♣ K J 9 8 2

West

♠ J 8 7

♥ 10 7

♦ J 10 9 5

♣ 7 6 3

East

♠ 10 5 4

♥ 5 4 3 2

♦ K 8 7 3

♣ Q 10

South

♠ K 6

♥ A Q J 9 8 6

♦ A 6 2

♣ A 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	5♥	Pass

There was a grand slam at either spades or hearts. Should South have helped the spades, or was it up to North, to do something about the hearts?"

We think the fault was North's. South showed slam hopes based on a very powerful hand when he jumped from one spade to three hearts. Such a bid is made only when there is a very good fit for the original suit (spades) or an exceptionally strong suit in the responder's hand. The fact that South didn't raise spades but rebid his hearts showed that he had the second type of hand. And if South had an exceptionally powerful heart suit, North's King should obviously assume great importance.

Very largely on the strength of this heart King, North should have raised to five hearts when South rebid his suit. If South could go on to six, he would undoubtedly have enough high-card strength outside of hearts to make his contract; and even if South had already "stretched," a contract of five hearts was surely safe.

As a matter of fact, South might very well jump to seven hearts if North raised to five. From the bidding, North would be pretty well marked with the Ace of spades, the King of hearts, and enough strength in the black suits to take care of South's losers. And even if South played safe by bidding only six hearts, at least a slam contract would be reached rather than an ignominiously timid game contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Scherker's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 10 7 6

♥ 8

♦ K J 5 2

♣ Q 9 4 3

The bidding:

Scherker	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♠	1♥	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade. This is a cheap opportunity to show your major suit. If partner lacks support for spades, you can stand a club rebid.

Score 100% for one spade, 80% for two clubs.

Question No. 824

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

♠ 1♠ 1♥ 1♠ 2♥

2♠

Pass

(?)

(?)

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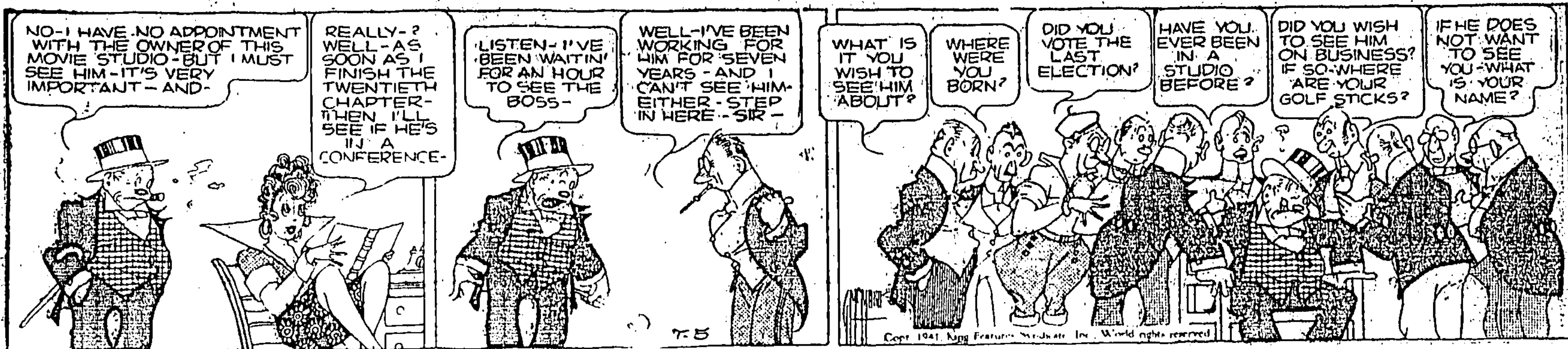
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Scalp & Hair Treatment

Any long or brief acute illness, or emotional shock, will cause the hair to fall out alarmingly. Therefore the woman who experiences an illness or shock should upon recovery, give her head special pampering.

If one can afford it, it is best to buy a series of professional salon treatments providing the home-town beauty parlour is capable of giving a professional scalp treatment. Some are not, I am sad to report, and rather than have the scalp harmed by inexperienced hands, a woman should give herself the treatments or ask a friend to give her a hand.

The primary step is the selection of a reputable scalp pomade, special conditioning tonic, a re-conditioning oil and a good liquid shampoo. A convalescent must bear in mind that her hair is as tired as her body. It has little vitality so it deserves the best aids one can purchase. There are perhaps no more than a dozen very reliable lines of scalp products on the market. I personally have investigated and approved no more than nine. So it pays to take a little pains in buying the aids you use on your scalp.

A treatment goes as follows: When your head is ready for a washing, part the hair and anoint the scalp completely with the salve, ointment or pomade you have bought. For ten minutes or longer, massage the scalp with the fingers. Then heat the reconditioning oil, apply it with fresh pieces of cotton to scalp and hair length. If you have a sun lamp sit under it for ten minutes (providing it is not one which limits the time to fewer minutes for safety), and if you have no lamp then wrap your head in small bath towels which have been saturated with the hottest of water and wrung out. Thus you get a steaming. (The salon steamers are excellent but the hot towels are a good substitute.)

After a very thorough washing with two soapings of liquid shampoo and several clear water rinsings, dry your hair with a towel and by the heat of your hands unless you can sit beneath the sun lamp again or in the sunshine. However if you do sit beneath the lamp or sun you must keep parting and combing the hair so no part of it will get too concentrated heat.

Tonic Daily

When the scalp is dry as can be, the hair is again parted and



Give your hair plenty of air and exercise during convalescent months. In order to keep her lovely red-gold hair in good condition, Joan Leslie gives her scalp a workout with tonic, a good brushing, and then lets the wind blow through her hair.

the scalp anointed with the conditioning tonic. Such a tonic is not greasy and one soon learns to limit the amount of daily application so the hair is kept soft and manageable without becoming heavy or sticky. Do not let any day go by without brushing the hair well for ten minutes with a brush that has been sterilised. Do not use the brush two days without washing it during this reconditioning period.

Such a treatment should be given every ten days or every two weeks for a period of three months. And do not sigh when I say "three months"—it takes that long for your entire body to become healthy after an illness or shock. Patience is the virtue you must practice if you wish to recapture your lost vitality and beauty.

There Are Three Sexes

You have only to put your nose around the door of the May Fair Hotel and you will find Terry Rowlands, smart and slick in her little page-boy hat and "buttons." She is the first girl to become an hotel usherette in Britain.

Neat and pretty, she is a success not because of glamour, but because of brains.

She isn't envious, or malicious, or impressed by the thoughtless and expensive women who daily come her way, for she has character as well as intelligence. But it has taken her all her philosophy to get used to their ways.

"They let you down, women, don't they?" says Terry, summing up rather ruthlessly. "I don't like seeing some of them behaving as they do; mean on little things, stingy where men are generous. It's as though they're taking away our good name, and it makes you kind of sad when you find yourself thinking: 'I don't like women much.'"

"It's a bit hard to keep your sense of humour sometimes when

you hear a group of young lovelies saying: 'I should die if I had to go to work,' and telling each other how they'd dodged conscription, and what an idiot they think dear so-and-so is for joining the W.A.A.F.

"I can tell by her manner and self-confidence whether a woman has made her own way or had it made for her. You can tell it, too, when you see them with men. The Girl Mother Keeps is more anxious.

"The Girl with the Good Job is more assured, and a match for any man. She uses less tricks, and her men don't look so polite and bored.

"There's something awfully silly about a woman with no work," says Terry. "You'd be surprised at the trivial, mean little things that worry them.

"I'd say there are three sexes," says Terry. "Men. Women. And Intelligent People. The third are the folk I like. And it's a curious thing that among the women the intelligent people are always those who do a job of work."



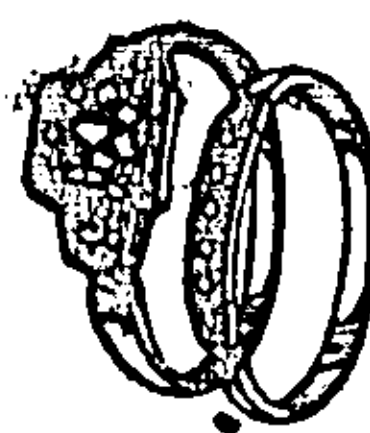
An optimist is he who thinks a summer cold is something to sneeze at.

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SYKES CASE SET FOR HEARING

The case in which Elias Davies Sykes, 47, of No. 16, Battery Street, is charged with obtaining money by falsely pretending that he was authorised to do so by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, and by Mr. C. G. Perdue, was fixed for hearing at 11.15 a.m. on Saturday by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Det. Inspector R. Cunningham is in charge of the case.

CONTRACTOR'S SHED RAIDED

Twelve employees of the Fuk Lee Contractors were each fined \$3 or seven days by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for playing "Pal Kau" in the contractors' shed in Austin Road last night.

Det. Sgt. A. Bethell said other gamblers escaped through the windows of the shed when police raided the premises at 7.15 p.m. last night.

NO BUYING OF JAPAN

[SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD"]

"If anyone is still under the impression that President Roosevelt is attempting to buy off Japan by selling China down the river, he might read the President's report on Lease and Lend action," declares Chungking's leading financial paper the "China Times."

Chungking takes President Roosevelt's aid China programme as unmistakable evidence of the United States' determination to help China to crush Japan, and the pall of gloom over the Washington exploratory talks has gradually been dispelled in the Chinese wartime capital.—International News Service.

THE WAY OF THE HUN

All Polish girls between the ages of 12 and 18 have been ordered to register for forced labour.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dinah Shore In A Swing Programme.

Ready, Get Set, Jump... Tony Pastor and his Orchestra.

My Blue Heaven... Coleman Hawkins' All Star Octet.

Jim (Shawn-Ross-Petrillo)... Dinah Shore (Vocal) with Orchestra.

Beale Street Blues: South of The Border (Down Mexico Way)...

Wingie Manone & his Orchestra.

Honeysuckle Rose (Elliot-Quadling); Do You Care? (Elliott-Quadling);

Dinah Shore (Vocal) with Orch.

Tea For Two; I Never Knew...

Sowande and his Music.

7.17 p.m.—Sydney Torch at the Organ.

In The Still Of The Night (from film "Rosalie")

You're A Sweetheart (from film).

Torch Parade, No. 3—Intro: I Can't

Love You Any More; I'll Never

Smile Again Until I Smile At You;

Until You Fall In Love; I Hear

Bluebirds; Fools Rush In; We'll Go

Smiling Along

7.30 p.m.—"Hills" From The Shows.

Daly's Theatre Waltz Memories—Intro:

A Waltz Dream; Gipsy Love;

The Country Girl; The Merry

Widow; The Cingalee; The Count

Of Luxembourg; Charles Prentice

and his Orchestra.

"Bitter Sweet"—I'll See You Again

(Noel Coward)... Annie Ziegler

(Vocal) and Webster Booth with

Orchestra

"Happy Memories"—Selection from

Old Time Shows... The New May-

fair Orchestra

"The New Moon"—Wanting You

(Baritone)... Lawrence Tibbett

(Baritone) with Piano.

"The New Moon"—Lower, Come Back

To Me (Mandel-Romberg)

Jeanette MacDonald (Soprano) with

Orchestra

Musical Comedy Gems—Intro: If I

Am Dreaming ("The Dubarry");

Salkamirgut (White Horse Inn);

Lower Come Back To Me (The New

Moon); Charming Weather (Ar-

cadians)... Mr. Jeremiah Esq.

(Quaker Girl)... Leslie Jeffries and

his Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post"—Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Marek Weber and His

Orchestra and Richard Tauber

(Tenor).

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

ouncements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Pro-

gram"—A Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Kalman—"The Countess

Marlitz"—Potpourri, Edith Lorand

and her Viennese Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News

and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Sea Shanties.

10.30 p.m.—Half An Hour with Eric

Coates.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"War Cor-

respondents".

11.15 p.m.—Close down

RIVAL CLAIMS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A village which the Germans intended using as a springboard for a direct assault on Leningrad was recaptured by the Russians after ferocious fighting.

The report followed claims of Russian victories on the entire front in which the Germans were said to have suffered over 30,000 casualties.

The urgent pushes against Leningrad and Odessa, Soviet circles say, show the Reich is in extremely urgent need of at least one decisive victory before the winter sets in.

In Berlin, the Germans claim to have occupied a strongly fortified park on the outskirts of Leningrad.

The Nazis also say they have sunk two Russian transports, 11 merchantmen and three of the largest Red warships in the last 24 hours.

Three direct hits, it is claimed, were obtained on battleships of the 23,000-ton "Marat" class in the Black Sea.

Hitler's headquarters said yesterday that "great campaigns have started in Russia," though no details were given and the sectors of operations unrevealed.—International News Service.

ANTI-NAZI DRAMA

"Professor Mamlock," the famous anti-Nazi drama by Friedrich Wolf, opens to-day at the Lee Theatre.

The play is being given by the Chinese Drama Group, under the auspices of the China Defence League, and net profits will be devoted to Chinese Medical Relief.

CROOKED VERSE

There was a crooked man and
He had a crooked style.
He raised a crooked moustache.
And smiled a crooked smile.
His flag a crooked cross, he
Published crooked facts
And built a crooked Europe.
With his crooked little pacts.
—Frank Lynn, in the "New York Herald-Tribune."

CHINESE TO MEET REST XI ON OCT. 10

At a meeting of the League Management committee yesterday it was decided that the Charity game on October 10 be played at Caroline Hill in aid of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China and be between Combined Chinese and "Rest of the Colony."

It was also decided that as a curtain-raiser a match be played between Combined Chinese and "Rest of the League" players, to be selected from those competing in the Junior Divisions.

The selections of the teams have been left to a later date, thus affording an opportunity of seeing the leading players in action during the next fortnight.

MINIATURE FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL

The first semi-final in the Emporium Miniature Football Shield competition will be played this afternoon at Caroline Hill at 5.30 p.m. when Mau Luk Clinic meet Ah Q.

Prior to this game, Tung Shan and Sing Pao meet in the quarter finals and the winner will meet South China in the other semi-final.

The following are the teams:—Tung Shan:—Mak Ping, Hau Yung-sang, Man Sau-ki, Lee Tak-kee, Wong Man-kwei, Lai Shiu-wing, Lau Chung-sang, Cheong Moon-wing, Chan Chat-kai, and Foong Kwan-sing.

Shing Pao:—Wong Kok-yui, Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Tak-yan, Ho Lok-ki, Ho Yan-fan, Leung Peng-kan, Kwok Ying-ki, and John Kam-chuen.

Mau Luk Clinic:—Shuen Po-on, Lam Tak-po, Fok Yiu-wah, Leung Peng-sun, Lai Chung-yuen, Chu Wing-keung, Leung Peng-kan, Chang Hoi-cheong, and Chow Koon-ping.

Ah Q:—P. C. Woo, K. P. King, K. S. Yang, G. Wung, B. Y. Hsu, P. C. Chain, T. P. Woo, H. H. Yu, K. S. Hui, L. L. Chain, and C. T. Hau.

KOWLOON CHESS CLUB

The 18th annual report of Kowloon Chess Club, whose annual meeting takes place on Thursday, September 25, at the Peninsula Hotel at 6 p.m., reveals that five of their members entered the Colony Open Championship, which attracted only six entries in all. L. Korpovich won the title, dropping half a point, and C. M. Sequeira champion in 1926-27 and 1932-33, was runner-up.

A Colony Junior Championship was run for the first time and To Yu-lau won, with A. Y. Biriukoff runner-up in an entry of 15.

In the Club's Senior Championship C. M. Sequeira and D. E. de Carvalho were joint winners, while the Club's Junior Championship was won by A. C. Poupard, with A. Benjamin runner-up.

BLIND GIRLS PICNIC

Sir,—The Christ Church Group, of the V.D.M.A. intend to hold their annual picnic for the blind women of the Industrial Home on Saturday, October 4.

For several years past the women of the Industrial Home have learned to look forward to the annual outing as one of the few really happy events in their year. We sincerely hope that it will not be necessary to dis-

appoint them this year. The Home has moved to Sheung Shui, New Territories, and for this reason, the picnic is being held at Castle Peak Beach instead of Shek O as heretofore. It is not our intention to ask for loan of cars this year, but gifts of money for the afternoon will be greatly appreciated.

Will all those who are willing to help please communicate with me c/o Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.

GERTRUDE GODDARD,
Hon. Secretary.

SHIPS RE-FLOATED

ALL THE SHIPS WHICH WERE SWEEP AGROUND BY THE TYPHOON ON TUESDAY HAVE BEEN RE-FLOATED, EXCEPT THE LARGE VESSEL WHICH WENT ASHORE ON GREEN ISLAND, IT WAS LEARNED THIS MORNING.

It is also learned that a river-boat, Kwong Ming, has been reported aground at Rock Point outside the Harbour, and is expected to be refloated to-day. There were no persons on board the ship when Police and Naval patrols visited the ship yesterday.

The new ship which was driven ashore at North Point on Tuesday by the gale apparently suffered no damage at all having been re-floated yesterday.

FLYING VISIT

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANADA, HAS ARRIVED IN LONDON FOR IMPORTANT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE DOMINIONS OFFICE.

Mr. MacDonald made the Atlantic crossing at the week-end in the same bomber as the Duke of Kent.

This is Mr. MacDonald's first visit since he took up his duties in Canada and he is expected to return shortly.—Reuter.

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SCANDALOUS RUMOUR

(Continued from Page 1)

posited \$200 and on November 19, you withdrew \$100. What was that for?—She said she wanted the money and I got it for her.

In February 17, 1939, all the money had been withdrawn except \$77.37?—Yes sir, all the money was given back to my sister.

Have you a bank account now?—No sir.

Are you quite sure about that?—Yes sir.

What are you doing now?—I am partly foreman and partly in charge of the accounts in the office.

What office?—The Government office in Hongkong.

Government Office?—I don't know.

Who told you to go there?—Mr. Campbell.

Did he tell you it was a Government office?—No.

You thought it was a Government office?—Yes sir.

Now will you tell the Commission what work you do in this office?—Yes sir. In the mornings I inspect the work and in the afternoons I check the accounts in the office.

What accounts?—The daily payments to the workmen.

Three Shifts

Witness explained that the work was divided into three shifts each under a foreman—from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 4 p.m. to 12 midnight; and from 12 midnight to 8 a.m.

I am the No. 1 Foreman in charge of the three foremen, and I am to check the reports made by the three foremen. I inspect the work. A book is kept for each shift and a separate book for each site.

The Chairman: What time do you arrive on the site?—At 8 a.m.

Always?—Sometimes I am a little late, but not later than 8.10 a.m.

In regard to the issue of explosives, witness said that there was a blasting foreman who informs "us" of the amount required. This is issued to the foreman of the sub-contractor after examination.

O. K. Questions

Did you also o.k. pay sheets?—No.

Who did?—F. T. Cheng.

Who is he?—He is employed by Government in the P.W.D.

He used to o.k. the pay sheets?—Yes.

On information supplied by you. You checked the sheets?—Yes.

Am I correct in saying then that once you o.k'd the documents Mr. Campbell o.k'd them without further inquiry?—No.

What did he do to check your o.k.? Did he inquire into your o.k.?—I don't know.

Witness then explained that after goods arrived he would check the voucher with the goods and after being satisfied that everything was in order he would o.k. it straightaway and enter it into the book.

Transport Vouchers

Have you anything to do with the o.k. of vouchers for transport?—Yes.

What was the procedure in regard to that?—Mr. Campbell told me that because the removal of muck was based on lineal measurements, it was the duty of the foreman of the last shift to measure the tunnels every day.

At the end of the month I would add all the measurements up.

Who checked the actual loading?—It was done by measuring.

Who checked it?—I checked with the three foremen.

So the position is this. You relied on the three foremen on the amount of footage removed?—Yes.

Witness admitted that if they made a mistake he would not know of it. And in reply to the Chairman's submission that if they did so intentionally witness said: There is a final measurement.

So when you o.k'd the work you were not in the position to say the actual amount of footage removed?—That is so. I could make a mistake myself. I cannot do all the work myself.

Foremen's Pay

Witness continued in reply to the Chairman that two of the foremen received wages of \$2.50 a day and the other \$2 a day.

They were Li Shing, Lo Hok-pui, and Cheng Tong, all Government foremen employed by the P.W.D.

Do you know which transport company was doing the work at that time?—The Kwong Wing Company.

Any other company?—I know of no other.

Do you know that in five months the Kin Lee Company paid them over \$20,000?—I learned so from the newspapers.

Did Mr. Campbell himself take steps to check the footage removed from the tunnels?—I don't know.

So far as you know Mr. Campbell took your certification and you in turn relied on the three foremen?—I could work it out according to the plans of the tunnel.

Do you know of any bills paid by Government which had not been o.k'd by you?—I can only speak in regard to work since April, 1941, when I started.

Do you know of any bills paid by Government to Kwong Wing or any other firm which had not been o.k'd by you?—I can't say.

Initialed Voucher

Showing witness a voucher, the Chairman asked: Whose initials are those?—Mr. Campbell, Mr. Buchanan, and Mr. M. Kwong.

Who is he (M. Kwong)?—He is employed by Kin Lee. He looks after the sub-contractors. The other initials are Kwong Wing's.

The No. 1 manager of Kin Lee?—Yes.

Will you agree that this particular voucher was not o.k'd by any foreman at all?—Yes.

Why?—I don't know.

Does Mr. Buchanan go and measure the footage of muck removed from the tunnels?—I don't know.

The Chairman: I say he does not and Mr. Campbell also does not.

Referring to the sum of \$1,465 paid for removing surface from Site No. 2, the Chairman added: The money was paid to the Kwong Wing Transportation Company, a company which we know is supposed to be owned by the wife of Kwong Wing whose office was a small space in a cockloft. If you and the other foremen were supposed to have checked the footage why was it not o.k'd by one of you?—I don't know, the voucher did not pass through my hands.

You can't explain?—No.

Perhaps you can explain this one, said the Chairman, handing witness another voucher.

Never Before

I have never seen this voucher before, replied witness.

Is that also a voucher of money paid to Kwong Wing?—So I see. It is \$3,899 for the transportation of muck. Who o.k'd it?—It is o.k'd by T. F. Cheng.

Who is he?—The Government servant who looked after this account.

Pointing out to witness that the date on the voucher was dated after he had started to work the Chairman asked: Why is it not o.k'd by you?—It did not pass through my hands.

Are you telling us now that a lot of bills do not pass through your hands?—Well, here is one.

Do you know why?—I have o.k'd some typewritten bills but have never o.k'd a bill made out in the Chinese language.

The position is this. You did not o.k. this bill although you were detailed by Mr. Campbell to check them, and that this large amount of money was paid without your o.k.?—I have never seen that voucher before.

"Not Able To Say"

What is the letter-head on the typewritten document?—There is no letter head; it is simply plain paper on which is typed "A.R.P. Tunnels."

What you refer to is a sort of summary which goes to the Treasury?—That is so, I only o.k. that kind of document.

Would I be correct to say that as far as you are concerned you are not in a position to say that this sum of money was properly earned by Kwong Wing?—Yes.

I am going to tell you something. Several vouchers by Kwong Wing for transportation were not o.k'd by you, although it was your duty to do so.—It was impossible for me. They did not pass through my hands.

I am making a statement of fact; that this was so with several vouchers.—Since they were not presented to me, how could I o.k. them?

I suggest that the Transportation Company was formed purely and only as a blind to rob the Government by overcharges and that they did so aided and abetted by you and other Government officials. Is that so?—No, that is not so.

Not From Vouchers

Witness was then shown a typewritten document and in reply

said that it was not a summary as it had only one item.

In any case, whatever the document is, the information contained must be obtained from vouchers.

Is that right?—No, sir, I o.k. the typewritten document after checking the reports of three foremen and not checking them with the vouchers.

What document do you examine before you o.k.?—There is not one here.

Were the bills separate?—No, we typed them from the report of the foremen.

What do you type?—The daily reports of the foremen. They are sent to Mr. Campbell every day.

For the removal of muck?—Yes, and tunnel driving.

Who are these typewritten reports sent to?—To Mr. Campbell.

Every day?—Yes.

To whom?—To Mr. Campbell.

Now too?—Yes.

Mr. Campbell is in hospital.—Even now they are sent addressed to Mr. Campbell of the Waterworks office.

When was the last one?—This morning.

Do you remember what they were?—Work on site No. 2, Tunnels 2,3,5,6.

Bill For Muck

It included a bill for the removal of muck?—No, there is not a bill for that every day but only at the end of the month.

Who does the typing of the bill?—I do.

Without checking, you rely on the foremen to make a report and at the end of the month you total it up. In the meantime the Transportation Company sends in a bill?—I don't know.

Here are some.—Have you seen them this morning?—No.

You never o.k. them?—It is only this morning that I learned of the procedure.

It was initiated by F. T. Cheng, Mr. Buchanan and one of the Government foremen.

You also used to supervise the checking of tunnel work. Look at this document, what is it for?—I've never seen it. It is supposed to be for work at Tunnel No. 1.

"Never Passed To Me"

What is this (other) document?—According to the document, it is for the removal of muck from A.R.P. tunnels.

Who is it from?—Union Express Construction Co.

This bill is for tunnel work?—Yes.

What amount is involved?—\$3,226.80.

Next one?—A bill from Ah Ding. For how much?—For tunnelling at site No. 5, \$5,715.24.

Both items are for work you look after?—Yes.

Does your initials or signature appear on them?—They were never passed to me.

Which you accept without going to see if they are correct. These are the documents on which the Government pay money?—I only know it now.

Is it correct to say that you never see the bills of contractors?—Yes.

Only the daily reports of foremen?—Yes.

Never check the work?—I do check the daily reports supplied by measuring the work.

Every day?—Not every day; once or twice a week.

And having satisfied yourself, the bill is sent to Mr. Campbell and the bills are o.k'd by someone else in the P.W.D.?—I can't say. I know nothing of the bills sent in by contractors.

Nothing at all?—Yes.

Not The Only Man

Am I right in saying that as the result of these questions, the position is this:—You at \$2.50 a day are the man through whom Government has been paying thousands and thousands of dollars?—Since I was instructed to work in this manner I did so. I was not the only man who was doing this work. There are also Mr. F. T. Cheng and another Chinese foreman.

What is Cheng's salary?—\$80.

A princely salary!

Is it correct that no European engineers ever bothered even to check the work on the tunnels and relied entirely and solely on the Chinese foremen?—Mr. Campbell and Mr. Buchanan were also responsible.

Chairman:—But Mr. Campbell has said he was overworked and had far too much to do and could not possibly check all the work and had to rely on you. He always accepted everything you told him as correct?—Mr. Campbell has his own brain.

And so did Mr. Buchanan?—Likewise, he could think the matter over.

But over \$800,000 was spent by Government on your certificate or statement to European en-

gineers that everything was correct?—We were merely acting on instructions.

Where do you live?—At the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

He Laughed

Have you ever owned a car?—No; I was surprised when I saw a statement in the Chinese press that I had one and laughed.

Have you ever driven one?—Yes.

Which was the last car you drove?—Car No. 599. We have five sites to inspect so when we are in a hurry we have to use a car.

In other words you are supplied with a car by the P.W.D.?—No, this car belongs to a sub-contractor.

Who? Name him.—Li Man-sing.

He is a sub-contractor to Kin Lee?—Yes.

And he supplies labour to Kin Lee?—No.

What does he do?—He supplies tunnel lining.

And you drive about in his car?—Yes.

To visit the jobs?—Not to go round to all of the sites, but from site to site.

How did you get the car. Did you speak to the sub-contractor?—It happens sometimes that the car is outside the office. I then ask the person in it at the time for permission to use it and it is granted.

And you drive about yourself from site to site?—Sometimes I drive myself, at others the driver does so.

Are you allowed any allowance for transportation by P.W.D.?—I am supplied with a bus ticket.

Bus Too Long

And why did you not visit the sites by bus then, instead of driving a car?—Sometimes a bus takes too long, nearly half-an-hour.

Have you ever driven in car No. 599 after 6 o'clock at night?—Yes, just for convenience sake, after I have finished for the day.

Where to?—Sometimes to my house, sometimes to the Y.M.C.A.

In other words you use the car as a convenience?—Sometimes; I was always given leave to.

Have you ever used a car belonging to another sub-contractor?—No other sub-contractor owned a car.

Have you ever been to a restaurant in that car?—No.

You have never been to a cinema in that car?—No. The driver was not pleased to go to the cinema with me.

Have you ever asked him?—No. I mean really that he does not like the cinema.

Have you ever been on a joy ride in this car?—No.

At this stage witness was told to stand down in order that evidence from another witness may be taken. He was, however, told not to go away as he would be required again later.

Mr. Bishop Called

Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, Executive Engineer, Waterworks Construction, was the next witness called, and in answer to the chairman said he had brought along with him the morning reports in connection with tunnelling work in Kowloon done by Kin Lee.

He said the reports were for May and June, but one of them, unfortunately, was missing. He added that it was for the last day of the month, but felt it was somewhere in the office.

Chairman: What happens to these reports?—I am afraid I can't say, sir. They go to Mr. Campbell and I presume he uses them to check up on the amount of work done. They are reports giving particulars of the number of men engaged on each tunnel face, the number of timber men for each shift, night and day shift, the progress made in the drilling of the tunnels, the number of holes drilled, the amount of gelignite used and the number of detonators used.

Do you know who they are made up by?—They are signed by Chung Chun, foreman of works. I don't know who he is.

You don't know whether he is a foreman of the P.W.D.?—I don't know.

Assist In Check

And on that, you say, Mr. Campbell eventually approves the work done?—He would use them to assist him in checking Kin Lee's accounts.

He was solely responsible for the supervision of the Kowloon tunnels?—Entirely.

Are there any daily reports, Mr. Bishop, with regard to the removal of muck?—There do not seem to be. All the morning reports seem to be of the same type, the progress made in the excavations, the number of men employed.

You are not in a position to

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tell us how Mr. Campbell could check or o.k. bills in regard to the transportation of muck?—I thought he had an agreement that they were paid at so much per lineal foot.

He has.—He would be able to check the total advance of tunnelling during the month and from that know that so many feet had been removed.

You do not know who Chung Chun is?—No.

Do you know whose initials are

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NAVY TO ENTER 2ND DIVISION

Cricket representatives of the different naval ships had a meeting early in the week to discuss Royal Navy's cricket prospects for the season, and it is understood that they decided to run a team in Second Division of the League.

It seems a great pity that exigencies of the service should preclude Navy's participation in the Premier League, for they have always been able to field a fairly strong side.

LANEFORD'S DOUBLE FIGURES

In a friendly football game on Club ground yesterday Laneford beat Club by 10 goals to 4 after leading at the interval by 5 goals to 1.

Laneford possessed a good forward line, in which Kwok Lai-fai and Leung Ping-pui, the wingers, shone. Cheong, in goal in place of R. Marques, played quite well and brought off several good saves, while Lui Hih-hon and Chan Man-sien were safe backs.

Club started with nine men and were soon in difficulties against the accurate and rapid passing of the Laneford forwards, being completely unable to cope with Kwong Lai-fai and Leung Ping-pui, who were the main cause of danger.

Sloan, Ege and Kennard were the best Club defenders, while in the forward line Forrow and Gow were outstanding.

Forrow scored all four goals for his side and Kwok Lai-fai (3), Chin Kan-sang (2), Leung Ping-kwan (2), Leung Ping-pui (2) and Ng Sui-fook scored for Laneford.

Club:—Bailey, Sloan and Kennard, Ege, Skinner and Needham, Hopkinson, Gow, Gilchrist, Forrow and Gratton. Laneford:—T. L. Cheong, Lee Hui-jun and Chan Man-sien; T. H. Edgar, J. Lodge and C. Carr; Kwok Lai-fai, Chin Kan-sang, Leung Ping-kwan, Leung Ping-pui and Ng Sui-fook.

SAINTS BEAT R.A.O.C.

AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY, ST. JOSEPH'S BEAT ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS BY 7 GOALS TO 2 IN A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL GAME.

This was the first practice game played by either team, but they were not at full strength. Hussain, Santos and Castilho being absentees from St. Joseph's side, while Duffield and Emberson were missed by Ordnance.

Twydale played a good game at centre-half for Saints and was well assisted by P. Castro at right-half. Tong, a newcomer, tackled and positioned well but was not too sure in his clearances. In the attack D. Leonard and Lee Wai-lam, right-winger of Engineers, who completed the team, were outstanding.

Reynolds strained a muscle while kicking in, and in the second half was seen in the forward line.

Adams defended well, while in the Ordnance, intermediate line Roberts was the best.

Saints led at half time by 5 goals to 1, scored by Ho Ying-fan, Lee Wai-lam (2), Leonard, and Lopez, while Hobson netted for Ordnance.

Goals by Leonard and Lee Wai-lam for St. Joseph's and Reynolds from a penalty were scored in the second half.

R.A.O.C.:—Reynolds, Adams and Russell; Nichols, Roberts and Linc (Standing); Cole, Hobson, Howison, Harding and Pennington.

St. Joseph's:—S. Tsang, J. A. Tong and W. Maher; P. Castro, Twydale and Lau Wing-kwong; Ho Ying-fan, Lee Wai-lam, D. Leonard, J. Souza and T. Lopez.

Len Hutton, who had a broken arm, re-acted twice during the winter, in playing cricket again and scored 50 at Darlington.

V.R.C. VENUE OF H. K. AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, DATES BACK TO 1872

By "Incog."

IN VIEW OF THE APPROACHING COLONY SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS, WHICH WILL COMMENCE ON SEPTEMBER 25 AT VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CLUB IS NOT OUT OF PLACE, ESPECIALLY AS THERE MUST BE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING NOT A FEW MEMBERS OF V.R.C., WHO DO NOT KNOW WHEN THIS ORGANISATION FIRST CAME INTO EXISTENCE.

Opinion varies regarding the actual date of the inauguration of the club. Some claim that V.R.C. dates back to the late forties, while others say that it was not till about 1870-71 that Victoria Recreation Club came into existence. Be that as it may, however, it has been ascertained that it was sometime in October or November, 1872, that the club was officially opened.

There was a time when V.R.C. moved over to the Kowloon side of the harbour, but this was a temporary measure, and as soon as arrangements were possible for re-transfer to the island, in about 1907, the matter was put in hand without delay.

It was about this time that permission was sought, and granted, for the erection of the present club-house which, since then, has been added to and improved upon from time to time.

In this connection it is interesting to recall that but a year or so ago, a "windfall," in the form of a legacy of £1,000, came for the club under the will of the late Mr. Thomas Meek, who for many years was one of its leading members. Proposals were made to spend the money upon extension but these were "shelved" temporarily, it being decided that the time was not opportune to commit the club to any heavy expenditure, the unexpected but very welcome gift notwithstanding.

In the earlier part of its history, V.R.C. catered, to a considerable extent, for yachting, rowing, gymnastics and physical training, in addition to swimming, and though rowing and the gymnasium still form part of the activities of the club today, it is swimming that commands the biggest following. Yachting interest has died out almost entirely.

Boxing Tourneys

Time was when boxing played a big part in the activities of the club, so much so that for a number of years Amateur Boxing Championships were staged by the club, with a special tournament open to schools in the Colony.

V.R.C. also held athletic meetings annually, on Hong Kong Football Club's ground.

Generally regarded as the parent-body of swimming in Hong Kong, V.R.C. has looked after arrangements for all Interport Swimming contests, and they also run the annual Colony Swimming Championships, in connection with which are the following notes on the form of some of the leading aspirants:

DAVID HUTCHINSON, 100 yards free-style champion of the Colony, has not shown consistent form this season. His obvious lack of training in the early part of this season, was proven at the Y.M.C.A.—University gala, when he was beaten by Charles Huang in the poor time of 60.1/5 seconds.

However, this had the effect of making him concentrate more on training, but the delay told on him as Tsui Hang took first place in the Charity Gala, clocking 57 seconds as against his 57.3 secs. He has since contracted ear trouble, which further interfered with his training schedule.

Opinion is that he will reach the 100, finishing line first, as he has a technically perfect stroke, with the accent on smoothness, and his turns give him a foot's advantage on any other swimmer in the Colony.

Steadily Improving

CHARLES HUANG, V.R.C.'s best middle and long distance man, is slowly improving, and his style is decidedly better than last year. He has to contend with Chun-nam, Yau Shi-kwan and Lau Tai-ping. Lai Tsun's stars, who have all beaten him over the 440-Yards in open events this

season. However, he is not discouraged as in these races he was paces his opponents who are "one-pace" swimmers. As Huang himself was heard to say, "I shan't make the same old mistake and keep up with them, but I'll swim my own race and pip them at the post."

Huang's sprinting has improved considerably, his excellent time of 58.2/5 recently in the 100 Yards making him a strong challenger to David Hutchinson and Tsui Hang. This factor will weigh considerably in his favour when he swims in the 220 Yards, and he may just win this event from Chan Chun-nam and Yau Sai-kwan.

A. K. RUMJAHN, Colony's 100 Yards back-stroke champion, is showing better form now, and his best time is 70.3/5 seconds, clocked in the heats a week ago yesterday.

He has very strong challengers in Poon Wing-kai, Lau Yiu-ting, A. V. Lopes and particularly W. Lawrence. However, he should be able to win the 100 yards, but the heats in the newly inaugurated 220 yards back-stroke suggested he lacks the necessary stamina.

LIONEL ROZA-PEREIRA, the Diving champion, has been busy training his pupils and practising his own dives, and there does not appear to be anybody, with the possible exception of Ed. da Roza, who can polish up their dives sufficiently to rob him of his title.

Taylor Unavailable

D. H. TAYLOR, V.R.C.'s sprinter-de-luxe has not swum at all this season, being under doctor's orders.

G. SAUNDERS, new member of V.R.C., is a keen youngster who makes a beautiful entry in his well-performed dives. He, however, needs more experience to be able to provide a serious challenge to V.R.C.'s first string divers.

He is also capable to turning in the fast time of 26.2/5 for the 50 Yards, and will swim third string in the relays.

C. SILVA-NETTO, who long ago showed promise of developing into a top-flight swimmer, has been unfortunate to be stricken by one illness after another. It is feared that he has not recuperated sufficiently to be able to provide serious opposition to the other Colony stars.

W. LAWRENCE, former Colony champion and holder of the 220 Yards free-style record, is now past his prime, but still trains whenever his duties permit, specialising in the back-stroke. He is almost certain to win the 220 Yards back-stroke, and is the only man likely to beat Rumjahn over the 100 Yards.

Fine All-Rounders

MISS VIVIANNE CHURN, Colony lady champion over the shorter distances, has shown decided improvement and is a certainty for the 50 Yards and 100 Yards free-style. She had the misfortune to be disqualified in a heat in the 50 Yards breast-stroke—she won it easily—following a faulty turn.

She has the ideal figure for a swimmer and her supporters will be disappointed if a couple of re-

As the South China A. A. pavilion and swimming pitch at North Point have been badly damaged by the typhoon, the Hong Kong Chinese Swimming Championships cannot now be held there.

Permission for the use of the Victoria Recreation Club bath has been granted and the championships will be held there tomorrow and on Sunday, commencing at 7.30 p.m. each evening.

cards are not broken by her this year.

MISS JACQUELINE ANDERSON, who is under the expert coaching of Lionel Roza-Pereira, has also shown improvement, and will provide the most serious challenge to Miss Churn.

Unlike the majority of her colleagues, "Jackie" is essentially a "power-swimmer." She has proven to be an adept pupil in diving, and may probably win the new event, women's diving, from the 3-metre board.

MISS CELESTE GUTERRES, Harbour Race and long distance champion, has also shown herself to be a sprinter of no mean ability. She should finish very close to Miss Churn in the 220 Yards where her endurance should carry her through. Although no match for Miss Lily Sadick in the back-stroke, she appears a certainty for second place.

Inconsistent Training

MISS IRENE LOPES, has managed to iron out a couple of her faults in style, but her training has not been consistent.

She is invaluable in the relays, and is also very good in the back-stroke, and, with a little more hard training, should be more than a threat to the other "A" class swimmers.

MISS MYRA NORONHA, one of the most popular of the lady supporters of the V.R.C., astonished almost everyone by beating Miss Ko Mui-ling and Miss Lo Po-kum (Lai Tsun) on July 12, using the butterfly-stroke, and she stands a chance of coming second to Miss Li Po-luen in the 50 Yards breast-stroke championship.

She is also first reserve for the V.R.C. ladies' free-style quartette.

MISS EILEEN GRANT has yet to correct her major fault of pulling with her arms sideways, and when she does her future in local swimming will brighten immensely.

The Yollo Sisters, YVONNE and JEANNETTE, are practising hard to graduate from V.R.C. "B" class and are up and coming swimmers.

MISS MARGUERITE GUTIERREZ, MISS VIVIAN RULL AND MISS THERESE YVANO-VICH, the three most promising of the host of V.R.C. girls, are being coached, and more should be heard of them next season.

RECREIO BOWLS CHANGES

Club de Recreio are making a few changes in both their First Division Lawn Bowls League teams for this week-end's games.

In the "A" team Roza-Pereira is the only skip to retain the same rink. Alves will have Marques and C. G. Silva at Nos. 2 and 3 respectively instead of C. M. Silva and Noronha, while J. F. V. Ribeiro will take over skip's duties from C. G. Silva and will have J. Luz, C. M. Silva and L. Xavier as his front men, as against Luz, Silva and Xavier for C. G. Silva in the last game.

In the "B" team Basto has the same four, but Guterres will have Vas, Carvalho and Soares as his front men instead of J. A. Remedios and A. M. Rodrigues, the last-named taking over Souza's rink of Pereira, J. A. Remedios and J. C. Remedios, as against Souza's rink of Pereira, Alves and J. C. Remedios.

No H.K.F.C. Changes

Hong Kong Football Club, whose last Second Division Lawn Bowls League match was against Prison Officers' Club, will be playing their return match against the same team on Saturday, and are fielding exactly the same team as for their first game, which they won on all three rinks.

Only one change has been made by Police Recreation Club for their First Division match, this being in Fender's rink, where Forrest returns to the side as No. 2 instead of Headridge.

In Third Division the same 12 players are retained, but whereas MacDonald and Aitken are playing the same rinks, Carey has a change in his four, Channing, No. 3 last week, changing places with Johnson, who was No. 2 previously.

Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B" have made one change, in Meyer's rink, Newton going to No. 2 in place of Wallis and Drew coming in No. 3 in place of Newton.

The Third Division team, who have not had a game since August 30, has been only slightly altered, though Wallis's rink is the only one unchanged. Searle will take over skipping duties from Nish, who will be his No. 3, while Sir Athol MacGregor comes in at No. 2 in this rink in place of Sherriff. Jordan will have Elphick at No. 1 instead of Bicknell.

Rakmen's Civil Service rink is unchanged, but McGowan will be skipping instead of Burling and will have Walker at No. 2 in place of Crawley and Collyer in his own position of No. 3. Hillier will have Gellatly and Crawley at Nos. 1 and 2 in place of Harper and Colledge.

Selected Teams

Following are the selected teams:

CLUB DE RECREIO
First Division "A" (v. Civil Service C.C., home):—F. X. Soares, R. F. Luz, F. V. Ribeiro, C. Roza-Pereira (skip); F. Luz, C. M. Silva, L. Xavier, J. V. Ribeiro (skip); F. X. Silva, C. E. Marques, C. G. Silva, H. A. Alves (skip).

First Division "B" (v. Police R.C., home):—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, C. A. Lopes, J. J. Basto (skip); A. P. Pereira, J. A. Remedios, J. C. Remedios, A. M. Rodrigues (skip); C. F. Vas, M. A. Carvalho, J. Soares, A. P. Guterres (skip).

HONG KONG F. C.

Second Division (v. Prison Officers' Club, away):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby, W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. Gelling, C. Needham, W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank, K. S. Robertson (skip).

KOWLOON B.G.C.

"B" First Division (v. C.C. Away) at 4 p.m.:—A. J. Rogers, V. C. Dixon, P. A. Peckham and L. Sykes (skip); H. A. Lockhart, E. A. Atkins, J. C. Gill and J. McKelvie (skip); E. D. Holloway, L. Newton, H. E. Drew and J. G. Meyer (skip).

Third Division (v. P.R.C. Away) at 4 p.m.:—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, H. Nish and E. V. Searle (skip); W. M. Wilson, J. S. Dinnen, G. Thompson and C. Wallis (skip); H. Elphick, S. C. Walker, C. E. Langley and L. A. Jordan (skip).

CIVIL SERVICE

C.S.C. (v. Recreio "A" Away) at 4 p.m.:—E. W. C. Simmons, C. J. Wallis, L. A. Collyer and E. F. McGowan (skip); H. McKay, M. Scott, V. S. Edwards, and M. N. Rakusen (skip); J. Gellatly, P. D. Crawley, M. E. Purvis and W. R. Hillier (skip).

POLICE R.C.

First Division (v. Recreio "B" Away):—W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. Shepherd (skip); C. H. Gough, J. M. Forrest, E. G. Post and J. S. Ferner (skip); W. Cameron, C. Pitt, W. McHardy and W. E. Hollands (skip). Reserves:—J. Headridge and G. Davis.

Third Division (v. Kowloon Bowling G.C. Home) at 3 p.m.:—J. H. McDell, P. Nolan and J. C. Allen (skip); A. Souther, W. M. Smith, J. Orem and J. W. MacDonald (skip); L. C. Ferner, F. Channing, A. J. Johnson and A. E. Carey (skip). Reserves:—G. Willerton and H. B. Dewar.

EASTERN EXPERIMENTS TO-DAY

ROYAL ENGINEERS, NEWCOMERS TO FIRST DIVISION OF THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE, WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST REAL TEST WHEN THEY MEET EASTERN IN A FRIENDLY GAME AT SOOKUNPOO THIS AFTERNOON AT 5.45 P.M.

Sappers are making no changes in the team which beat Club 7-3 last Saturday, but Eastern will be making a number of changes in their side.

As changing of players will be permitted, Eastern will be playing both Hsu King-seng and Chang Kam-hoi in the pivotal position in each period, while Lau Fook-chuen will be seen at inside-right. Hau Ching-to, who did not play against Police last Sunday, will also be seen in action.

Following are the teams:—
R.E.:—Moxham, Palmer, Fielding, Chan Ping-yuen, Shaw, Taylor, Li Wai-lan, Birrell, Pelham, Fox and Jones.
Eastern (from the following):—Lau Hin-hon, Ng Kee-cheong, Y. S. Yim, Lo Wai-kuen, Hsu King-seng, Chan Kam-hoi, Koi Wing-fuk, Chung Yung-sun, Lau Fook-chuen, V. K. Hyul, C. T. Tsao, Yuen Yau-lam and Hau Ching-to.

FALLACE AND EARDLEY UNAVAILABLE

Club will be without Fallace and Eardley, who are on duty, for their friendly soccer game against Sing Tao on the Club ground on Saturday.

Owing to the typhoon on Tuesday, the Football Committee could not meet and 12 players have been requested to attend. All present at the field will have a game and those unable to play are requested to inform V. G. H. Upton, of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire as soon as possible.

Following are the players:—S. A. Fowler, Upton, Forrow, Bond, Gilchrist, A. Odell, J. Skinner, Millington, Hookinson, E. Strange, F. Fowler and Bickford.

"CHINA MAIL" CUP BOWLS COMPETITION

LAWN BOWLING MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEERS HELD A MEETING AT HEADQUARTERS YESTERDAY WHEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL INTER-UNIT COMPETITION FOR THE "CHINA MAIL" CUP WERE FINALISED.

It was announced that entries for the competition would close on October 6, the first block of matches being scheduled for the morning of October 12. Last year the entries totalled 38, and indications are that this number will be exceeded this year.

Major F. Flippance was elected chairman of the committee in charge of the competition, with Sergt. J. G. Meyer as Hon. Secretary and S/Sergt. M. N. Rekusen as Hon. Treasurer. The Committee comprises C.Q.M.S. Baptista, L/Cpl. A. Bower and a representative from Corps Artillery.

REFEREES' CLASSES

The sixth lecture on Soccer Laws Nos. 13 and 14 on Free Kicks and Penalty Kicks will again be delivered at Scandal Point Hall on Thursday, 18th instant at 7 p.m. in order that those who failed to attend the last meeting on account of the typhoon need not miss the complete series of the lectures. All are welcome.

CRAIGENGOWER CELEBRATION

Members and friends of Craigen-gower Cricket Club spent a very enjoyable time last evening when the Cosmopolitan Party gave a concert in aid of the Bomber Fund. This followed the dinner held in celebration of Craigen-gower's success in the Senior Division of the Lawn Bowls League.

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OFFICIALS FOR OPENING SOCCER FIXTURES

Following are the appointments for the opening fixtures in the Hong Kong Football League, which commences on Saturday, September 27:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

First Division	
Police v St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)	Referee:—Mr. Edmonds.
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)	Referee:—Mr. Mitchell.
Linesmen:—Messrs. K. P. King and Winsor.	
Second Division	
Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)	Referee:—Mr. Kossick.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Tent and Lai Yuk-tai.	
Third Division	
Sing Tao v Engineers (Club, 5.45 p.m.)	Referee:—Mr. Omar.
Linesmen:—Messrs. Fraser and Carley.	
Fourth Division	
Police v Service Corps (Boundary Street, 4.15 p.m.)	Referee:—Mr. Silva.
Kowloon v Club (Kowloon, 4.15 p.m.)	Referee:—Mr. Fraser.

Middlesex v Eastern (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Ip.

Sing Tao v Engineering (Club, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Foster.

7th R.A. v Ordnance (St. Joseph's, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Crossby.

Kit Chee v 12th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Fota.

University v 20th R.A. (St. Joseph's, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Copsy.

95th R.A. v 12th R.A. (Stanley, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Thorley.

24th R.A. v Medicals (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Barretto.

7th R.A. v Signals (Military, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Demmee.

Pung Ngai v Shell (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Taylor.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

First Division	
Royal Scots v Navy (Sookunpoo, 5.45 p.m.)	Referee:—Mr. Smith.
Linesmen:—Messrs. P. W. Sze and B. T. Lee.	

South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Glover.

Linesmen:—Messrs. Williamson and Wilson.

Second Division

Royal Scots v Signals (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Beard.

South China v Kwong Wah (Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Banham.

Third Division

30th R.A. v 39th R.A. (Stanley, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Adams.

Air Force v Service Corps (Chatham Road, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Baker.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Second Division

Sing Tao v South China (Caroline Hill, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Williamson.

Engineers v Kwong Wah (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Wilson.

Kowloon v Royal Scots (Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Carley.

Club v Signals (Club, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Barretto.

7th R.A. v Police (Boundary Street, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Copsy.

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Referee:—Mr. Edwards.

39th R.A. v 20th R.A. (Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.)
Referee:—P. W. Sze.

Pung Ngai v Air Force (Prince Edward Rd., 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Pike.

Signals v Laneford (Military, 5.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Tent.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

Shell v Service Corps (St. Joseph's, 5.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. Y. T. Lai.

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Official Reports To Washington

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A STUDY OF DIPLOMATIC ADVICES RECEIVED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON OVER THE PAST FORTNIGHT REVEALS THAT THE MAN-IN-THE-STREET THROUGHOUT THE WORLD NOW FOR THE FIRST TIME IS DOUBTING A GERMAN VICTORY.

Consular reports show that the masses in India, China, Japan, Africa and other countries are beginning to doubt Hitler's invincibility.

This is regarded by American officials as one of the most hopeful signs of an eventual understanding between the United States and Japan.

Main factors leading to the belief are:

The Russians' unexpectedly strong resistance and especially the heavy German losses.

THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF AMERICAN AID TO BRITAIN LEADING TO THE BELIEF THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NEARING THE SHOOTING STAGE, AND

Britain's ability to withstand the worst the German air force has to offer.

Growing flames of revolt in the conquered territories leads to the belief that there is some doubt in those countries for the first time.

— International News Service.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Terrorism broke out in Canton yesterday afternoon, resulting in strict martial law being clamped down on the whole city.

Four bombings, at two-minute intervals, are reported to have resulted in the killing of several Japanese in the Wing Hon Lo region.

An eyewitness saw a first-floor restaurant blown out as a result of the first explosion. He also saw two motor vehicles, carrying Japanese, wrecked and 20 shop-fronts blown out.

Martial law was lifted at 10.30 to-day.

Altogether, reports indicate that there were eight incidents yesterday, including a bomb-explosion at a cinema, which is said to have killed 20 persons, and another near the Japanese Naval Headquarters, which caused no casualties.

— Reuter. Special.

Near Cheung Chau Island this morning the s.s. Sai On coming from Macao almost struck a floating mine it was learned on arrival of the vessel.

The mine it was said, was only about 30 yards away when the master of the vessel managed to steer clear. The authorities have been informed and steps have been taken to remove the mine.

MARRIAGE

At Singapore on 15th September, 1941, Suzette, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Compton of Hong Kong, to Eric Burn of Singapore, son of late Mr. E. J. Burn and Mrs. Burn of London. The bride's parents were present on the occasion.

SCANDALOUS RUMOUR

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in the left-hand corner? No, I don't know them, sir.

Chan Lo Recalled

This completed Mr. Bishop's evidence and the next witness to testify was Chan Lo, who at the previous hearing was asked to produce the slips of paper on which each workman was paid. He did so and the Chairman asked if the slips were signed by anybody. Witness replied that there was no signature to the slips, merely Kin Lee's chop.

Chairman: When a workman completed his day's work he is given one of these slips? — Yes, sir.

Who gives them these slips? — I don't know sir.

Is he a Kin Lee man, or a Government man? — A Kin Lee man.

And then, on these slips you pay the workmen? — Yes.

Do you pay the men twice a month or every day? — Every day.

And you rely on this unknown man who makes out the slips to pay out the amount on each? — Yes.

I was correct then when I said yesterday that if this unknown man was dishonest, he pays out money which he has no business to do? — Yes, that is so.

In other words, let us presume that Mr. Kwong Wing, if he wants to make a few hundred dollars, would find it very easy to get the unknown man to issue slips in the name of fictitious

BRITISH SUBMARINE LOST

"The Board of Admiralty regret to announce that H.M. submarine P32 (Lt. D. A. B. Abdy) is overdue and must be considered lost. Next of kin have been informed," says an Admiralty communique issued in London last night.—Reuter.

men and pay out? — That is so.

No Enquiry

You make no enquiry as to whether the work has been performed by the man who presents the slip? — No.

You do not enquire at all? — By virtue of the chop on the slip I pay out.

So, Mr. Kwong Wing, if he wanted to, could rob the Government of hundreds of dollars by making out fictitious slips of paper? — I don't know about that.

But I am making this statement because you told us that when you pay out the money to the workmen, there is nobody there to identify them.—I have no power to make such identification. There is nobody there to identify

the workmen, am I right? — Yes.

Chairman: Well, Mr. Blake, we are only going to take one of these slips as a sample.

"Not Suddenly"

This concluded evidence by this witness and Tsang Pui-fan was recalled.

Chairman: Now then, before you became foreman in the tunnelling work in Kowloon, did you have any previous experience in A.R.P. tunnels?—No.

And you were suddenly made No. 1 foreman by Mr. Campbell? — I was not suddenly made foreman because I had some experience of tunnels in the Shing Mun Scheme.

Well, the fact remains that you suddenly rose from office boy in Shing Mun to No. 1 foreman in the A.R.P. tunnels scheme.—I was never an office boy. I gained promotion step by step.

You worked under Mr. Campbell all the time?—Yes, except when he was on Home leave.

I mean all the time he was in Hong Kong. — I also worked under Mr. Woodman.

But I am correct in saying that you looked upon Mr. Campbell as your boss?—A fact; he was my boss.

You know a man called Chu Pak-lum?—No, sir.

Well, this man I am referring to is No. 1 foreman who looks after pen shelters in Kowloon.—I seldom go about with these people.

You don't know him?—No.

Now, those sub-contractors who do tunnelling work are supplied with materials by Kin Lee? — Correct.

They are issued to them? — Yes.

Is that part of the work you supervise too? — Yes.

"Scandalous Rumours"

A statement has been made that unless a sum of money has been paid to the foreman, they are not issued with the materials. Is that correct? — A lot of people hate me, are against me, because I am too strict on the job, and they have been spreading scandalous rumours about me.

What statements have been made against you? — Rumours. I have heard rumours that they wanted to report me to my superiors.

For what, doing your work properly? — No. The people say that I had been taking squeeze.

Have you taken any steps to report these rumours? — No.

Why not? — I cannot say who spread them.

No, but having heard the rumours, you could have told Mr. Campbell that the rumours had been spread about you. — No, I did not.

And those rumours are false? — Yes.

Can you tell me why, you of all the foremen, have been singled out? — I don't know why.

I see, it is just your misfortune? — Absolutely.

Amongst these rumours, have you heard that you and other foremen demand some explosive back, when you issue them, so that you can sell them? — No.

Is it something new then? — Yes.

Drills

Do you know a man called Ho?

— Ho Kwai-sun, yes.

How long have you known him?

— He says he has known me a long

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